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THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF BALTIMORE.

[The Library Company of Baltimore was organized in 1795 and was merged with the Maryland Historical Society in 1854. During the fifty-eight years of its existence its roster included the names of the foremost citizens of Baltimore. It was called into being by the Archbishop of Baltimore, the Rector of Old St. Paul's and the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

There may be no direct connection of the following "Forum letters" with the foundation and organization of the Library, though they doubtless influenced the minds of many in that direction; and it is interesting to learn from them that an attempt to form a library had been made even before 1793.

The Minute books and other records came into the possession of the Society at the time of the merger and from these it appears that the first formal meeting of the association was held on December 20, 1795; that the meeting for actual organization was held on January 20, 1796, when Archbishop Carroll was elected President, Mr. George W. Field, Secretary, and Mr. John Price, Jr., Treasurer. Frequent meetings were held during the year, lists of desiderata prepared, exchange purchased and sent abroad; but it was not until the first Monday in September, 1796, that a room was rented in the house of Mr. Benj. Williams, in Lemmon St., (now Holliday St.) and that Mr. John Mondesir was elected Librarian. Further detailed accounts of the activities of the Board of Directors, will later appear.]

For The Baltimore Daily Repository.

Mr. Editor,

It is a circumstance to be regretted, that a town like this, containing upwards of fifteen thousand inhabitants, does not

afford a circulating library; possibly, a number not sufficient to support one. The advantages that would accrue towards the mental accomplishments, from an institution of this nature, and the disadvantages arising from the want of one, are too obvious to need a recital.

Suppose, for instance, a certain number of ladies and gentlemen were to form a "Reading Society," and each to subscribe one guinea per year towards the support of it; the subscribers to order such books as they think proper, in rotation, for the use of such society, provided they are approved by a committee, which with a secretary and treasurer, should be chosen out of the subscribers; the committee to meet once a month to transact such business as should be deemed requisite; no person to have two books at one time; every person keeping a book longer than the time allotted by the committee, to be fined accordingly; any person damaging a book to pay for the same; the books, after having been perused six or twelve months, to be sold, and the money appropriated to the purchase of new books, &c., &c.

I do not pretend to lay down rules; only, if the hint should be improved, it will be a satisfaction to

PHILONAUS.

Baltimore, January 29, 1793.

Mr. Graham,

Observing in your paper of to-day a piece, signed *Philonaus*, calling the attention of the Citizens to the Establishment of a Circulating Library, I was pleased to find myself anticipated; yet, as I differ from that gentleman in the plan, suffer me to propose the adoption of one similar to that of the Philadelphia Library Company, established by Dr. Franklin, many years ago, which, from its extensive utility, is too notorious to require a particular recital.—The value of a share, in that company, is ten pounds, and surely, there are many hundred in this town who would contribute an equal sum to provide a permanent fund for the establishment of an institution so de-

serving of public patronage.—The advantages resulting to society from an institution which has for its object the information of the inquisitive, the entertainment of the superficial, and the general improvement of the human mind, must strike the most unlettered observer.

Is it not therefore astonishing that a town respectable for its number, respectable for its commerce, should have continued so long inattentive to the advancement of science, the belles lettres, and the real ornaments of life? Without reflecting on the vacancy of ideas, and predominating passions of the ladies for dissipation, let us endeavor to remove the evil by affording them the means of cultivation, and stimulate them to a love of literature by publicly avowing that we are friends to science.—I reprobate the idea of selling the books at the end of every six or twelve months, as I contemplate a period not far distant when it may be proper to obtain the sanction of government, by an act of incorporation, in order that posterity may derive some benefit from our exertions.—If this plan is adopted, it will be cheaper than that proposed by *Philonaus*, which supposes the necessity of a renewal every year; but as I am not tenacious of my opinion, I shall cheerfully acquiesce in any plan which will most effectually produce the desired object.

A CITIZEN.

Baltimore, January 31, 1793.

Mr. Graham,

If *Philonaus* and *A Citizen* unite and digest a regular plan for the establishment of a public library, they will merit, and receive, the thanks of every enlightened individual.—The idea thrown out by the former, is not suited to the meridian of Baltimore; it seems rather calculated to provide a fund of entertainment for the wealthy society of some populous village in Britain, and to feast them, *once a month*, upon political pamphlets: but here, an increasing, useful collection is necessary, such as may both amuse and enlarge the understanding. *A Citizen's* allusion to Dr. Franklin's plan is far better, and

equally as practical here as at Philadelphia: but his cynical severity towards the fair sex was unjust; and he may be told, that the predominating passions for dissipation, and a vacancy of ideas, are misfortunes not *exclusively* attached to the ladies.

The remark was illiberal, and by no means connected with the formation of so useful, so noble an institution as that of a *Public Library*.

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

Baltimore, February 1, 1793.

Mr. Graham,

I would cheerfully unite with *Philonaus*, or any other respectable citizen, in digesting a Plan for the Establishment of a Public Library, but that I think the one *already proposed* best suited to the meridian of Baltimore, and am happy to find my ideas meet the approbation of *Another Citizen*. Although he has accused me of illiberality in my remarks upon the "vacancy of ideas in the fair sex," which I wished to attribute rather to the contracted means of improvement than the imbecility of nature, and cheerfully acknowledge that the predominant passion for dissipation is, among the evils of society, not "exclusively" confined to the ladies—It can alone be remedied by the introduction of literature, as a necessary qualification to distinction and merit.

As many of your readers may be as ignorant of the plan I allude to as *Another Citizen*, it may not be improper to premise the outlines—

Let the number of shares be indefinite, and the subscription continue open ad infinitum—Each share be equal to ten pounds—Every subscriber be obliged to pay for each share subscribed, ten shillings annually, in addition to the original subscriptions, as a fund to defray the wages of a Librarian, who should be a man of letters, rent of a room and contingent expenses—The subscribers to choose twelve directors, a treasurer and secretary, annually, from their own body, vesting the directors with authority to constitute such bye-laws as they may

judge useful for the internal government of the institution, and a discretionary power to order and select such books as they best approve of, regard being had to the value of the funds—The shares to be assignable, and the subscriber to have the privilege of transferring his right to another, for a limited time—Every person taking out a book, to oblige himself, under a fixed penalty, to return it in good order, and within a limited time, subject to a stipulated fine, in proportion as that time may be exceeded—Those not entitled by subscription, to deposite double the value of the book loaned, or set to which it may belong, paying therefor a certain hire per week or month—The fines and hire of the books would, *generally*, be more than adequate to the expenses of the institution.

By this mode the stranger and citizen, not capable of subscribing, may be accommodated with food and entertainment at a much *cheaper* rate than any other I can suppose feasible, and it is my sincere wish the subject may claim the attention of the public.

A CITIZEN.

Baltimore, February 2, 1793.

Mr. Graham,

I am well pleased to find, through the channel of your Repository, an improvement made on the hint I offered to the public, for which I thank your correspondents.—We have heretofore been witnesses of unsuccessful attempts to establish a public library, by which motive I was prompted to offer the plan in my former, intended for no other than a *select* society, and as such, I am persuaded, it would have proved cheap and beneficial.

But when I contemplate the rapid progress and improvements this place is daily making in wealth, commerce, and the increasing number of inhabitants, I acknowledge Dr. Franklin's plan merits the preference, as best calculated to answer the desired object; and since your correspondents agree as to the propriety of establishing such plan, I have to assure them

it meets my most hearty concurrence, and I unite with *A Citizen* in recommending it to the attention of your courteous readers. Let us no longer leave vacancy for a supposition that we are an unenlightened people, nor hesitate to use our efforts to establish and cultivate a plan so evidently advantageous to the community, and productive of the most pleasing embellishments of life.

PHILONAUS.

Baltimore, February 4, 1793.

SOME ACCOUNT OF THE LIBRARY, &c.

About the 20th of December 1795, some Gentlemen in Baltimore Town, impressed with a sense of the benefits resulting from a Public Library, & concerned that there was no Institution of the kind; in this Town, drew up some Constitutional outlines of one, which they submitted to several, who they supposed would patronize so Laudable an Institution. In a very few days, fifty nine persons Subscribed these outlines. A meeting of the Subscribers, was then called, and the following proceedings ensued—

Baltimore, Dec^r 23rd 1795.

At a Meeting of the Subscribers, for establishing a Public Library in Baltimore, The Right Rev^d Dr Jn^o Carroll, was called to the Chair, & Mr Rich^d Caton was made Clerk to the Meeting.

After some conversation on the subject, which had brought them together; it was,

Resolved, That the Right Rev^d Dr Jn^o Carroll DD. The Rev^d Patrick Allison, DD. The Rev^d Jos^h G. J. Bend M. A. Dr Geo: Browne & George W. Field, should be a Committee to draught, and report to the Subscribers, at a Meeting to be held on Friday, the 8th of January 1796 or sooner, if they should be ready, a Constitution for carrying into effect, the object, which they contemplated.

Resolved, that Mr Caton & Mr Poultney be a committee, to procure additional Subscribers. The Subscribers then adjourned to meet at Brydens Inn, on the day aforesaid at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

Baltimore 8th Jan^{ry} 1796.

The Subscribers for Establishing a Public Library in Baltimore, met pursuant to adjournment; and the Right Rev^d Dr Carroll was called to the Chair.

The Rev^d Mr Bend, of the Committee, appointed to draught a Constitution, reported the plan of one, which was ordered to be read, and read accordingly.

It was afterwards read, a second time, by Paragraphs, and having received several amendments, it was then agreed to, and ordered to be transcribed into a book for Subscription, at the next meeting; at which time it was generally understood, that they should proceed to the choice of officers.

Adjourned to Meet at Brydens Inn, on Wednesday the 13th, Inst, at Six o'clock, P.M.

Baltimore 13th Jan^{ry} 1796.

The Subscribers for establishing a Public Library in Baltimore, met pursuant to adjournment, and called The Right Rev^d Dr John Carroll to the Chair, and made Mr George W. Field their Clerk, The Constitution agreed to, at their last meeting, was then read, & afterwards Subscribed to by the Persons present & is as it appears in Pages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14. The Constitutional number for choosing Officers being present they proceeded to choose, agreeably to the constitution Twelve Directors; and the following Gentlemen, having the greatest number of Votes, were declared to be duly Elected: Viz—The R^t Rev^d Dr Jn^o Carroll, The Rev^d Mr Bend, Mr Richard Caton, Mr Thomas Poultney, Mr James Carroll, Mr George W. Field, The Rev^d Dr Allison, Dr George Brown, Mr Rob^t Gilmor, Mr James Casey, Mr Nicholas Brice, & Mr David Harris.

The Company then adjourned Sine die—

CONSTITUTION OF THE
LIBRARY COMPANY OF BALTIMORE.

Being fully convinced, that in proportion to the diffusion of useful knowledge the Interest of Virtue will be promoted, and the prosperity of a community augmented; considering the Establishment of a Public Library to which an easy, but regulated access may be had, essential to the accomplishment of these ends; and confirmed in this opinion by the happy effects, which have flowed from similar Institutions in other places; We the Subscribers, have associated for the purpose of establishing a Public Library, in Baltimore. Sensible also, that wholesome regulations are absolutely necessary to the beneficial, and orderly management of such an Institution, We bind ourselves, to conform to the following Constitution, as it is now decreed, and as it may be hereafter lawfully modified, and to all laws regularly flowing from the same. And we pledge ourselves, if it shall be hereafter deemed practicable, and usefull to apply to the legislature, for an Act of Incorporation, for the purpose of giving greater stability and effect to the Institution.

Article 1st

The style & title of the Institution, shall be, "The Library Company of Baltimore."

Article 2nd

There shall be no definite number of Shares; but every Person may be entitled to a Share, who shall be regularly admitted a Member of the Company. The price of a share shall be Twenty Dollars; and every Member shall annually contribute, Four Dollars, for every share which he may lawfully possess.

Article 3rd

The Books, and other Effects of the Company, shall be their joint Property: and every member shall be at liberty to Transfer his share by sale, bequest, or right, or in any other way

in which other property may be alienated, but in every case of Transfer except by will or descent, the person in whose favor it is intended to be made, shall be first approved of by a board of directors, hereafter to be appointed; and all Transfers shall be made according to some mode prescribed by the directors.

Article 4th

No person shall be allowed to Subscribe for more than one share in the Library, or to increase this number in any other way, than by legacy or inheritance. And if any Member shall at any time become regularly possessed of a plurality of shares, he shall not thereby be entitled to more than one vote or to any other extraordinary privilege whatever.

Article 5th

There shall be a stated meeting of the Company on the fourth Monday in April in every year: At which time the Members present, being not less than Twenty, shall proceed to elect from among the Company, Twelve Directors. The Directors shall choose out of their own body, a President and shall appoint from among the Company a Secretary and Treasurer; and the President and Secretary of the Directors shall be President & Secretary at all general Meetings of the Company. These shall continue in office, for one year or untill the next Election. The place of Election shall be determined by the Directors, for the Time being, and publicly advertised for twenty days at least before the Election, which shall be made by ballot, and those having a majority of Votes, shall be deemed duly Elected. And if it shall be found expedient, that the first Election under this Constitution should be held before the fourth Monday in April next, the persons elected shall continue in office till the fourth Monday in April 1797. If there shall not be twenty members present on the stated day of election, then the same may be held on any other Day, appointed by the directors, of which at least five days notice, shall be given.

Article 6th

It shall be the duty of the President, at all general Meetings, of the Company, to keep order, and to do all other things generally appertaining to the office of a President. The Secretary shall collect the ballots at elections, shall keep in a Book to be provided for the purpose, a fair transcript of the proceedings, of the company, and shall from time to time, give public notice, of all stated and special meetings of the company; which special Meetings shall be called by the President whenever the board of Directors, or Twenty Members of the Company shall signify their desire to this effect. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Company, in books proper for the purpose; he shall keep their monies, subject to the order of the Directors; and shall be ready whenever called upon, with a warning of Ten days, to give a regular statement of his accounts to the Directors. He shall be removable at the pleasure of the Directors; and shall on entrance upon office, and as often as the Directors may require, give such security, for the faithful discharge of his duties, as they may deem adequate. The Board of directors shall meet once a Month, and shall have the choice and direction of a Librarian, and of all other Officers, not chosen by the company, who may be necessary to the ends of this Institution whom they may supersede, as often as they shall think proper. They shall have the disposal of all monies belonging to the Company, shall provide a proper depository for the books, and shall make all such regulations as may be necessary to the useful and economical circulation of the books. They shall elect new members, shall settle the accounts of the company's Treasurer, shall fix all salaries and compensations, which may be created, or made, and order the payment of all incidental expenses of the Company. They shall choose the books, to be bought for the use of the Library (but every member shall be at liberty to recommend to them any book, by putting into a box to be kept, for the purpose, in the Library, the title, with his name subscribed). They shall at every stated meeting, report to the Company, a state of their affairs; and

they are hereby invested with the power of doing all things (not excepted in this Constitution, or which may not hereafter be prohibited by the Company) which may be conducive to their interest. Whenever they have to dispose of any of the monies of the Company, or to admit new Members, eight at least shall be present, of whom three fourths shall be necessary to constitute a Majority; but for all other purposes, five shall be a sufficient Quorum, and a majority of their voices give validity to their Acts.

The Members of the Company, may have recourse to their Journals, as also to the Treasurer's accounts, and all other papers and books belonging to the Company; of which, with the consent of the Directors, they may take copies.

Article 7th

In case of a Vacancy in the Office of President, Secretary or Treasurer, or in the board of Directors, the same shall be filled by the board, at some meeting especially held for the purpose, of which public Notice shall be given. And vacancies in these Offices, shall be deemed to be created, by Death, Resignation, absence from the United States, or confirmed inability to attend to their respective duties.

Article 8th

All Persons hereafter admitted members of this Company, whether as Transferees, or purchasers of new Shares; shall be nominated to the board of Directors, at some one of their Monthly Meetings; and if they shall at a subsequent Meeting, be approved of by the board, as directed in the Sixth Article they shall then be deemed duly elected.

No person, not a Transferee shall be considered a member of this Company untill he shall have paid to the Treasurer the price of his share. He shall then receive a certificate signed by him, containing his name, the sum paid by him, the use, for which it was paid, and the time of Payment; all which

particulars, shall be recorded in the company's Books: And this certificate shall entitle the possessor, to the privileges, of a Member of the Company. The Price of a Share shall be increased, at such times, and in such proportion, as to the company may seem fit; but this augmentation, shall not be deemed to affect those who were members at the time of its being made.

Article 9th

The Librarian shall give security for the faithful discharge of the Duties committed to him in such sum as the Directors may determine.

Article 10th

The Directors shall prevent the lending out of the Library, even to members, of particularly scarce Books, or other effects of great Value, the loss of which it would be difficult to repair, but every reasonable convenience, and facility, shall be provided, for allowing the use of, or transcripts from them within the Library.

Article 11th

A member may be expelled, for any Misconduct, disgraceful to the Institution, and likely to impair its utility, but the Meeting for this purpose, shall consist of at least Three fifths of the company, a Majority of whose Votes shall be conclusive. In case of the expulsion of a member he shall be paid the price of his share, or shares according to the price established in this Constitution.

Article 12th

Every Person, who shall neglect to make the Annual payment, which shall be on the second Monday in May, in every year, or within Ten days thereafter, shall pay for the use of the Library, one Cent, for every Day he shall neglect said payment. And whenever his Fines, and deficient contributions, amount to the Value of a share, such share, shall be forfeited. In like manner, if he possesses a plurality of shares.

Article 13th

Whenever an alteration of this Constitution, shall be meditated, a Meeting of the Company shall be called, by the Directors, who shall give Ten Days public notice of the Time and place of such meeting: And the members attending in consequence of such notice shall proceed to act upon any alterations which may be proposed. If they shall be assented to, by a majority of those attending They shall be published for consideration; and another meeting of the company shall be called, of which Ten days public notice shall be given, and if a majority of the Members attending the second Meeting confirm the alterations before assented to, they shall then be deemed a part of this Constitution.

Agreed to in Baltimore the 8th day of January, Anno Domini 1796.

Members names

J. Carroll	J. E. Howard
Joseph G. J. Bend	James Usher
George Grundy	Wm Goodwin
David Harris	Gerrard Hopkins
J. Johnson	James Steuart
James Carroll	Tho ^s Donaldson
Rich ^d Caton	Tho ^s Smith
D. Williamson	Geo. Buchanan Dr
Jn ^o McKim Jr	John B. Barnabew
Geo. Presstman	John Hollins
N. Brice	S. Smith
Ja ^s McElhiney	Arch ^d Campbell
Henry Browne	Nicholas Slubey
Tho ^s Poultney	John Purviance
Lawrence Somers	Nat ^l Andrews
Geo. W. Field	Ja ^s Priestley
John S. Webster	Wm Singleton
Peter Frick	C. Davis
Thomas Fisher Jr	George Sears

Fred. Pratt	Robert Wilson
Elias Elliott	William Cole
James Carey	Moor Falls
John Brice Jr	Thomas Tenant
James Abernethy	Nat ^l Morton
James Barry	Will. Duman
Hen ^{ry} Nicols	John Hacket
Patrick Allison	Jos. Young
Ja ^s Dall	Peter Garts
W ^m Lowry	John Garts
David Stewart	R. C. Boulandry
Rich ^d Moncreiff	Hy Messonnier
Robert Dorsey	William Robb
W ^m Patterson	Ja ^s H. McCulloch
Robert Oliver	Sol ⁿ Birkhead
Hen. Thompson	Tho. Rutter Jr
W ^m Lorman	And ^w Wallace
J. A. Buchanan	George McCandless
Jacob F. Levy	W. Winchester
Sam ^l Butler	James Ogleby
George Brown	Jacob Fite
A. Macdonald	Abraham Falconar
Thos. Hollingsworth	Beal Owings of R ^d
Sam ^l Hollingsworth	Arch ^d Stewart
James McElhiney	John Gordon
John Nicholson	Jn ^o Anderson
John McFadon	Geo. W. Blackiston
W ^m Ross	Govert Haskins
Jonas Clapham	W ^m Grahame
James McCormick	James Nicols
R ^d Moale	Ashbel Welles
Lloyd Buchanan	Philip Rogers
Alex ^r Furnival	Geo. S. Johonnet
Sam ^l Owings	W ^m Taylor
E. Johnson	David Hopkins
Francis Johonnet	H. Wilkens

Benjamin Williams	Arch ^{ld} Robinson
John Sherlock	Cha. Carroll of Carroll ^{tn}
W ^m MacCreery	pr. Rich Caton
Jos ^a Seney	Nicholas Rogers
Phil. Moore	Ja ^s Priestly
Eben ^r Mackie	James Law
Jn ^o Merryman	

These signatures were affixed to the Constitution at different periods and represent but a small percentage of the membership of the institution.

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PROFESSIONAL PUBLICITY.

[The following advertisements reproduced from *The Baltimore Daily Repository* of 1792-93 give interesting side lights on the social life of the period. The first group confirms the statement of Dr. Elisha J. Hall, made in 1788, that the physicians of the period were "surrounded by a swarm of quacks."

The educational offerings may be of service to the future historian of the private schools of the city; the political appeal of the colored brother desirous of legislative honors apparently fell upon deaf ears, as his name does not appear in the canvas of the subsequent election.]

The subscriber, living on *Howard's Hill*, next door to Mr. *George Grub*, Joiner, informs the Public, that he practices Surgery, performs *The Botanical (Herb) Whey Cures*, Prepared by him, and ready for use every morning during the summer season; and has furnished a Room conveniently, for Cupping. The room will be opened the *first of May*, and due attendance given every *Tuesday* and *Friday*, from morning till evening.

He also has devised, an approved *Plaster*, for sale, to take away Corns and Warts quickly, and without any pains.—The Public may rest assured of the abilities of their humble servant,

John Philip Swarzauer.

HENRY SEIVERT,

Educated at Frankfort, and lately arrived from Germany, served as a Surgeon in the Swedish Army and in the Hospitals,

Respectfully acquaints his friends and the public in general, that he has commenced the Practice of Physic and Chymistry, in *Gay-street*, between *Mr. Delaport's* and *Griffith's Bridge*. He will undertake all disorders incident to the human frame, with the greatest tenderness, propriety, and, if required, with secrecy, and has been peculiarly fortunate in relieving those who employed him. He is well skilled in Surgery, and has erected a Chymical Apparatus, for the different medicines necessary in that line. As he is well acquainted with the French, German and English languages, he is the more capable of administering remedies to their several complaints, and is furnished with medicines of the newest and best sort.—He earnestly entreats the patronage of the Public, engaging that his attendance shall be as constant and his medicines as effectual and as cheap as possible. He will always employ his best abilities for the welfare of his patients, and shall ever entertain a grateful sense of the candor of those who please to encourage a stranger.

The poor shall be cured gratis, except the prime cost of the medicines.

Some small choice packages of *Family Medicines* for sale, at the most reasonable terms, for cash.

He has resided one year with Doctor Anthony Mann.

Baltimore, October 24, 1792.

ANIMAL ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM,

Taught and practised in its Purity by Dr. Robinson, from London.

This science, which has long excited the wonder and attention of all Europe, on account of the many remarkable cures it has performed, though veiled in obscurity by the ancients, is now stripped of the superstitious clothes with which it was covered, and

is reduced to a regular system agreeable to the rules of modern philosophy, as practised by Mr. Messmer in Germany, Mr. De Louthenberg in London, and Doctor Bell from France.

It is unnecessary to enumerate the many diseases and afflicted persons that have been cured by this truly wonderful and surprising science, where the efforts of the ablest Physicians, in the common modes of practice have proved abortive.

The Doctor exhibits no medicine whatever, but can operate upon a subject at the greatest distance from him as well as those that make personal application. This science may seem wonderful to many, but wonderful as it may seem, its operation upon the human subject is so powerful, that the operator can raise the leg or arm of any person from off a table without touching, with other surprising performances.

The Doctor teaches the modes of communicating the magnetic virtues to steel, although he considers the use of them in this science by some practitioners as an imposition upon the good sense of the public, as instead of assisting the operation, it retards it: the Doctor so far from following the mode of some, of only teaching the illiterate for fear of exposure, that he invites the wise and scientific of all descriptions. To the curious, a science of this nature must be the most pleasing and instructive, as it opens the door to a fine variegated landscape, where the sons of wisdom may exercise their faculties.

He will teach the whole course of lectures on this science for no less than fifty guineas; yet he will teach the modes of removing diseases, used by the common practitioners, for eight dollars, and will communicate more knowledge for so small a sum, than any other practitioner on the continent of America can. One guinea will be required of those of the first rank, for the first advice and first treatment; half a guinea from those of less rank, and so on till it descends so low as one dollar.

The Doctor can infallibly cure the following diseases, viz. Apoplexy, asthma, cholera, all sorts of colds and coughs, dropsy, dyspepsia, epistaxis, fevers of all sorts, kingsevil, gangrenes, sphacelus and mortifications, hypochondriasis, hysteria, hysteri-

tis, cramps, inflammations of all sorts, dead, contracted and cold limbs, lock-jaw, mersorrhæa, peripneumony, pleurisy, &c in rheumatism, rheumatism and hysterical cases, let the violence be ever so great, he has always succeeded, even to a miracle; he also cures schirrous, scrofulous and ulcerous tumors, consumptions, spasmodic affections and nervous disorders, strains, bruises, burns, scalds and sores of all kinds, &c. &c.—The poor, to any number, he will treat gratis; and hopes they will not, by too great a degree of modesty on their part, deprive themselves of the benefit, which those of more affluent circumstances are about to receive, at this happy season of the year, when the wind was so favorable as to blow so many Magnetists to Baltimore.

As to preparing bar and horse-shoe magnets, the Doctor can easily do it, but as these things are of no use in this science, he thinks it altogether unnecessary.—Does any person imagine that the gentlemen and ladies of Baltimore wish to turn blacksmiths?—The Doctor would not recommend the aged and diseased to learn this science, as nevertheless they may for the present ease pain, yet they may communicate their own disorders to their patients—the younger and healthier the practitioner is, the better.

Terms of admission may be known by applying to the Doctor at Mr. Thomas Stapleton's, in Frederick-street, near Messieurs Yates and Campbell's Vendue-Store, and opposite Mr. David Shields' Hat manufactory.

To the virtuous, free, and independent Electors of Baltimore Town.

Gentlemen,

As the illuminative rays of *Liberty* have burst with such floods of glory over this highly favored land, whereby all unjust and arbitrary distinctions are laid aside, and being fully convinced that the citizens of this place possess catholic spirits, and liberal sentiments in an eminent degree, I am emboldened, with an humble reliance on their discernment and candor, to offer

myself a candidate for your suffrages at the ensuing election, for a *Representative* for the Town of Baltimore.

I conceive that justice and equity will excite you to choose one Man of Color to represent so many hundreds of poor Blacks as inhabit this Town, as well as several thousands in the different parts of this state.

I have never deserted my country's interest in the time of danger and distress; but have been a zealous patriot in the cause of liberty during the late struggle for freedom and independence, not fearing prison or death for my country's cause; and thanks to the Author of *Life* and *Liberty*, it is now established in spite of all *internal* as well as *external* Foes.

I have already been honored with public offices and places of trust, which I have faithfully discharged according to law and the directions of the officers who appointed me, and I hope to the general satisfaction of my fellow citizens.

Should I be so happy as to be the object of your choice, I promise to have all *Tories* and *Anti's* turned out of office, until they shew evident signs of repentance, and attachment to the new government; for the corpulency of my body shall be no clog to the exercise of my genius, and agility of my limbs, which shall be kept in perpetual motion for the good of the state.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your devoted humble servant,

Thomas Brown.

Baltimore, September 24, 1792.

MUSIC.

The subscriber being obliged to visit New England shortly, and remain absent a few weeks, is under the necessity of discontinuing his Schools for Sacred Vocal Music, in town and on the point; which, however, he intends to open again soon after his return. Truly grateful for the countenance that has been shewn him heretofore, he hopes to receive, as it will be his un-

wearied endeavors to deserve the same kind patronage, upon his resuming the same employment.

Thomas H. Attwill.

Baltimore, Sept. 25, 1792.

N. B. The Scholars belonging to his Schools will perform publicly, next Wednesday Evening in the Presbyterian Church, when the company of all persons will be acceptable, who may chuse to attend.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Rayner Taylor.

Music Professor,

Begs leave to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Baltimore, that he means to perform a second Musical Entertainment, To-Morrow Evening, at Mr. Starck's Tavern, the Sign of the Indian Queen; the Music of which will be original, his own Composition, entirely different from the former Performance, and in which Miss Huntley will sing many favorite Songs, in the *serious, comic, and pastoral Style*.—To begin at 7 o'clock.

Ladies and Gentlemen desirous of Receiving Instructions for the Piano Forte, Harpsichord, &c are requested to send their Commands addressed to R. Taylor, at Miss Young's, Calvert St. Baltimore, October 18, 1792.

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

The Subscriber has collected most of the Pictures he painted last year, and with them formed an Exhibition Room, for the Amusement of *Ladies and Gentlemen*, at the Corner of *Fredrick* and Water-streets, which will be kept open every Day, Sundays excepted.—With the utmost Gratitude, he acknowledges the Encouragement given him, since his Residence in this Town; and respectfully solicits the further Patronage of a generous Public.

Charles Peale Polk.

N. B. Portraits of the President of the United States, and the late Doctor Benjamin Franklin, may be had of C. P. P.

Baltimore, April 15, 1793.

The subscriber, wishing to assist poor, but honest persons, who are afflicted with large families of children, offers himself to take 3 or 4 White Boys, from 8 to 10 years of age, to be bound to him for the *Chimney Sweeping Business*, until they come to the age of *fifteen years*; after that period he will put them to any trade, for which they should incline, in order that they may be able to obtain a further livelihood, and be useful to the community at large. He requests that none but good-natured and honest boys may apply.

John Conrad Zollikoffer.

Baltimore, December 22, 1792.

THE ENGLISH ACADEMY.

By Mr. Workman, late Professor of Mathematics in the University of Pennsylvania.

Is now opened in that elegant and spacious room in Bank-street, lately occupied as a Ball-room by Mr. Curley; Where are taught, the English language grammatically, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Geography, and the use of the Globes, Surveying, Gauging, Navigation, including the Lunar Observations, and the other practical branches; also Euclid's Elements, Astronomy, Algebra, Fluxions, &c.

A Portion of Time will be set apart each Week, for Rhetoric and Oratory, and occasional Exhibitions of public Speaking will be observed.

All the Pupils of this Academy will have the Advantage of hearing Mr. Workman's lectures on Natural Philosophy, without any additional Charge.

N. B. Mr. Sweeny will continue to teach writing in the Sem-

inary.—The Terms and Plan may be known by applying to Mr. Workman, any time during the hours of Tuition.

The *American Accountant*, being a new System of Arithmetic, and the *Elements of Geography*, both written by Mr. Workman, and lately published in Philadelphia, may be had by Application to the Author.

Baltimore, April 20, 1792.

FRENCH SCHOOL.

Peter Leflet returns his most grateful thanks to those who have favored him with their patronage, and informs the Public it is his intention to open School next *Monday*, at Mrs. Phillip's, Bank-street; and in order to suit himself to his scholar's leisure, he proposes to divide them in three different classes; the first from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till 5; the second from 5 to 7; and 7 to 9.

Baltimore, May 3, 1792.

The subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he has begun Morning School at his house on Howard's Hill, where he will teach young Ladies and Gentlemen the French Language grammatically, Writing and Arithmetic, &c. on very easy Terms. The most regular Attendance will be given from 6 to 8 o'clock by their most obedient Servant,

William Graham.

Baltimore, May 11, 1792.

MR. DICK'S PUBLIC SCHOOL,

Is removed five doors below Luther Martin's Esquire, on Charles-street, which is clean and paved to the door; where he humbly solicits the patronage and encouragement of the respectable public, to whom he returns his most grateful thanks.

Baltimore, May 12, 1792.

N. B. It is the same place where Mr. Hogan taught.

MR. BLACK

Respectfully informs the Public, that he has opened his Academy in Gay-street, in the House where Mr. Sweeny lately taught. He has two spacious Rooms, entirely adapted to the Reception of Children, and attended with every necessary Convenience.

Youth, &c will be taught English, French, Spanish, Low-Dutch, and Italian grammatically, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Mensuration, Surveying, Navigation, Euclid's Elements, Algebra, &c, &c.

N. B. Mr. Black returns his most grateful Thanks to the Public, for the Encouragement he has already met with—begs Leave to acquaint them, that he will have a Sufficiency of Teachers, and they may rely upon his most assiduous Attention, both to the Morals and the Improvement of their Children.

A Lecture upon English Grammar every Saturday.

Baltimore, May 15, 1792.

To the Inhabitants of Baltimore-Town, &c.

The subscriber, for some time past, having had to reflect on the advantage which might arise from a well regulated School being established in this Town, for the instruction of *Black Children* and *Children of Color*, in the several branches of useful learning—and having met with considerable encouragement from several respectable gentlemen, who, from motives of humanity and philanthropy, manifest a desire for the improvement of the morals of the African race, and to give learning to some who are in their families (though at present in a state of slavery)—he has concluded to open a School for the purpose, on the 23rd. instant, in a commodious room in the west end of *James Jaffray's* brick warehouse, near the Centre-Market, for the reception of such children as he may be entrusted with.

He therefore flatters himself, from a consideration of the institution, and the strict attention which will be paid to the morals and school-learning of such youth as may be placed

under his care, to merit the countenance and patronage of an enlightened Public.

Jonathan Coates.¹

N. B. The aforesaid School will be under the care and direction of a Committee appointed for the purpose, and the terms of schooling will be made known on application to the subscriber.

J. C.

Baltimore, 7th Mo. (July) 18, 1792.

MRS. SIMSON.

Late of Philadelphia,

Takes this public method, to inform the *Ladies and Gentlemen of Baltimore*, that she has opened a school for the reception of *young ladies*, at the house of Mr. Brown, opposite Messrs. Goddard and Angell's printing office, Market-street, where she intends teaching all kinds of *Needle-work* in silk and worsted, *Crowning, Drawing, and plain Work*, in the neatest manner—She also teaches *Tambouring*, with the art and elegance of shading, and taste in the arrangement of patterns. She designs the work and executes the drawing herself, without any additional expense to the ladies. Those ladies who may choose to favor her with the tuition of their children, may rely on the strictest attention being paid to their conduct by her who wishes to cultivate their young minds, as well as form their manners. She flatters herself that she has given satisfaction to the parents of those whom she has already had the honor to instruct, and gained the love of her pupils.

Mrs. Simson esteems herself happy in giving this public testimony of her unfeigned acknowledgments and gratitude to the ladies of Philadelphia and South Carolina, who, when she was a

¹The name of Jonathan Coates appears in the Directory for 1796, as "Schoolmaster, dwelling 60 N. Frederick St., schoolroom Triplet's Alley"; in 1799 (Coats), "schoolmaster, 31 N. Gay St."; in 1804, "gentleman, 31 N. Gay St.," and 1807 (Coats), "Gentleman, 23 Fayette St."

stranger, regarded her with an eye of complaisance, and encouraged and assisted her in her arduous undertaking. She makes no doubt, by steady perseverance in her duty, to acquire the friendship of the ladies of this state, and that of a generous public.

She teaches Reading and Spelling with propriety.

N. B. *Ladies' Gowns, Scarfs, Shawls, Muffs, and Fancy Trimmings, done in Gold, Silver and Silk: Also Gentlemen's Vest-Patterns, equal to any imported.*

Her terms of tuition—*Four Dollars* per quarter, and *Ten Shillings* entrance.

Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1792.

Branches of Literature.

Taught by the Subscriber, at a convenient School-House, paved to the Door, on Charles-street, five doors below Luther Martin Esqr's, viz.

Reading with proper Punctuation, Accent and Cadence, with English Grammar; Writing, Round Text, Engrossing and Italian Hands; Arithmetic, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions; Book-keeping; the Latin and Greek Languages, the former of which he speaks fluently; Surveying by the common Way, and Calculation of Latitude and Departure, according to Mr. Norwood's excellent and accurate Plan; Navigation by Theory, Logarithms and Lunar Observations; Mensuration of Solids, Superfices and Gauging with the Rod.

A Conveyancing and Scrivener's Office is kept at the same Place, and all Kinds of Writings performed, with Accuracy and Despatch, at the most reasonable Prices, accompanied with the sincerest and most respectful Acknowledgments of their humble Servant,

William Dick.

He would gladly undertake to teach any Gentleman's Family any of the above Branches, in the evenings, and attend at their

Houses, if in the vicinity of Tripolet's-alley, where the Teacher resides.

Baltimore, Nov. 10, 1792.

NIGHT SCHOOL.

The Subscriber very respectfully informs the Public, that he will immediately commence an Evening School, for teaching *Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Short-Hand Writing, &c.*

Scholars may depend upon the strictest attention being paid to their improvement, particularly in the *English Grammar*, and *Reading*, which shall be taught them grammatically, gracefully and properly.

Application made to the Subscriber, at Mr. William Miller's, next door to this Printing Office, shall be duly attended to, and Terms made known.

George Holland.

Tuesday, October 2, 1792.

MR. O'SHEA

Has opened School, in a very commodious room, in Rogers' Alley, a few doors from Mr. Graham's printing office, where youth may be taught English Grammar, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic in all its parts, Bookkeeping after the true Italian form, and Greek and Latin, if required.

Mr. O'Shea can produce attestations both of his moral and literary abilities from Gentlemen of Eminence and Character in the United States. Baltimore, Nov. 30th, 1792.

N. B.—He will also teach a Night-School, Terms told at entrance.

MRS. WILLIAMS (From London)

Presents herself respectfully to the Families of Baltimore, and solicits permission to inform them, that she proposes, as early

as she can obtain a convenient Situation, to open a School for the Instruction of *young Ladies*. The *French* and *English Languages* will be taught grammatically—The *Rudiments* of *Geography*—Also, useful and variegated *Needle Work*; Specimens of which, by the late Pupils, may be viewed at Mrs. *Mickle's*. The Patronage of a generous and enlightened People cannot be doubted, so long as her Conduct may continue to deserve it.

Baltimore, Dec. 22, 1792.

MR. FREEMAN

Respectfully acquaints the Public, that he has opened an English and Mathematical School, in a convenient Room, opposite the *Presbyterian Church*; where he proposes to receive under his Care, 30 Pupils, and instruct them in Reading, Writing, Accounts, and Mathematics. All the Mathematical Pupils (and such of the Others whose Parents may think proper) shall be taught the Principles of Astronomy, Geography, and the Use of the Globes.

Young Gentlemen may be taught privately between School Hours; or, a Private Class can be attended at any convenient Time and Place, which they may think proper to appoint.

Mr. Freeman is furnished with Globes, Charts, Maps, and Nautical Instruments, and may be seen at Mr. Philbin's, in Gay-street, opposite the Bank.

Baltimore, March 26, 1793.

The Rev. Mr. Ralph presents his compliments to the parents of those children who are and have been under his care, and respectfully informs them, that (having been inducted into St. Stephen's and Shrewsbury parishes) he, with much gratitude for past favors, declines the further superintendence of a school in Baltimore.

Gay-street, April 8, 1793.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF OBSERVATION FOR ELIZABETH TOWN DISTRICT
[WASHINGTON COUNTY].

(Continued from Vol. XII, p. 275.)

Tuesday, June 28, 1776.

The Committee met according to Adjournment. Members present

	Col ⁿ Sam ^l Beall Jun ^r in the Chair
Capt ⁿ Mich ^l Fackler	Mr John Rentch
Maj ^r Charles Swearingen	Col ⁿ And ^w Rentch
Col ⁿ Jos. Smith	Capt ⁿ W ^m Heyser
Maj ^r Christ ⁿ Orindorff	Capt ⁿ Jos. Chapline
Capt ⁿ Conrad Hogmire	Capt ⁿ Sam ^l Hughes
Maj ^r Henry Shryock	

The Gentlemen appointed by the last Committee to draw up a set of Resolutions, to be offered to the good People of this District brought in the same, which (with some Alterations) is ordered to be offered to the People.

Leonard Belmire & Martin Belmire were accused before this Committee of expressing Sentiments inimical to the Liberties of America and Advising Captⁿ Keller's Company to lay down their Arms.

Upon hearing the Evidence the Committee were of the Opinion they ought to be discharged, on promising good Behaviour for the future.

Peter Tressler was also accused to the same Purpose and Captⁿ Keller enter'd Security for his good Behaviour for the future.

Ordered that the Resolutions entered into this Day by Colⁿ Smith's Battalion be immediately published.

The Committee adjourns till Tuesday next.

Tuesday, July 2^d 1776.

The Committee met according to adjournment. Members Present

Captⁿ Sam^l Hughes in the Chair

Col ⁿ Jos. Smith	Mr John Rentch
Col ⁿ Andw Rentch	Mr Geo. Swingley
Capt ⁿ John Cellar	Maj ^r Christ ⁿ Orindorff
Capt ⁿ W ^m Heyser	Col ⁿ Sam ^l Beall Jun ^r
Capt ⁿ Conrad Hogmire	Capt ⁿ Jam ^s Smith
Maj ^r Henry Shryock	Capt ⁿ Joseph Chapline
Maj ^r Charles Swearingen	Jam ^s Clark Clk
Capt ⁿ Mich ^l Fackler	

A List of non-enrollers and non-Associators were return'd by Captⁿ John Reynolds, and are as followeth, Viz.

Matthias Shangler, invalid non effective, has sign'd the Association.

Michael Thomas fined £4. 0. 0 a Gun to be del^d.

John Middlecoff, non effective, has Sign'd the Association.

Likewise a List of non enrollers & non Associators residing in Captⁿ Kellers District were by him returned and are as followeth

Viz. George Trice not fin'd	£	S	
Abraham Houser fin'd	5..	00	
Mich ^l Garber D ^o	2..	00	
Matthias Stauffer D ^o	2..	00	
Jacob Lein D ^o	5..	00	paid to Capt ⁿ Lynch
Jacob Thomas fined	£ 4..	0. 0	paid
Christ ⁿ Hess fin'd	4..	0. 0	
Jacob Hess D ^o	7.	0. 0	
Sam ^l Baker D ^o	4.	0. 0	
Henry Geedy D ^o	3.	0. 0	
Jn ^o Baumberger, fined	£ 5.	0. 0	
Jn ^o Geo. Kneble D ^o	2.	0. 0	
Peter Barkman D ^o			enroll'd

Matthias Grove fined	4.	0. 0	
Sam ^l Rhorer Do	7.	0. 0	
Fred ^k Rhorer Do	3.	0. 0	p ^d to Doct ^r Shnebly
Jacob Rhorer Do	3.	0. 0	p ^d to Doct ^r Shnebly
Jacob Lentz Do	3.	0. 0	p ^d to Doct ^r Schnebley
Peter Thomas Do	4.	0. 0	paid to Capt ⁿ Linck
Geo. Adam Geedy Clergyman			
Jacob Klamm fin'd	2.	0. 0	
Martin Rhorer	7.	0. 0	
Benjamin Bowman fin'd	3.	0. 0	

The Committee adjourns for an hour.

The Committee met according to Adjournment.

On application being made by the Sundry persons hereafter mentioned that they are distress'd and unable to pay the several Fines assess'd against them as non enrollers by this Committee on the 8th day of May last, and after considering the Reasons offered by them in Support thereof, this Committee have thought fit to remit viz.

	£	s		
To John Washabaugh	2..	10	To Jacob Thomas Sen ^r	£ 5
To Jacob Coughinour	2..	00	To Christ ⁿ Thomas Jun ^r	£ 2
To David Miller	2..	00	To Christ ⁿ Thomas	£ 2
To Benjamin Noll	2..	00	To Philip Oster	£ 3
Henry Funk Jun ^r	1..	10	To Geo. Whitmyer	£ 2
Abraham Gansinger	£	2.. 00		

Captⁿ Peter Reed return'd his Warrant issued to him to collect the fine assess'd on non-enrollers and non associators residing in his District, and said Warrant is directed to Lieut^t Ezekiel Spires to execute the same, Captⁿ Reed having agreed to be his Security for the faithful Execution thereof.

The Committee adjourns till to Morrow at 5 O'Clock ante Meridiem.

The Committee met according to Adjournment all Members present as yesterday except M^r Swingley.

Ordered, that the following form of a Warrant be used, for collecting fines assess'd on persons in Militia Companies for non Attendance at Muster.

Whereas Complaint is made by Captⁿ ———— that a certain ———— refused to obey orders, or do duty as a Militia Man several Times, who was regularly heard, tried and fined the sum of ———— by his officers, this is therefore to empower you on Receipt hereof to levy the said Sum of ———— by distress on the Goods and Effects of the said ———— and sell and dispose thereof agreeable to the order of Convention in ———— last, to the value of ———— for the use of the Company commanded by the said Captⁿ and this shall be your Authority given under my hand the ———— day of ———— by order of the Committee.

The Committee adjourns for an Hour.

The Committee met according to Adjournment.

A Warrant was granted against John Bond of Captⁿ Wallen's Company, for refusing to pay the fines assess'd on him by his officers, for not attending Muster.

A List of non-enrollers and non Associators residing in Captⁿ Baker's District were by him returned and are as followeth viz.

Jacob Teeter fin'd	£ 2.. 0.. 0	
Isaac Teeter D ^o	£ 2.. 0.. 0	
Stephen Ottlery Jun ^r D ^o	3.. 0.. 0	
Jacob Shively D ^o	3.. 0.. 0	
George Butterbaugh	5.. 0.. 0	paid to Doct ^r Schnably
		a Gun to be delivered
Stephen Ottlery Sen ^r above 50 y ^{rs}		a Gun to be delivered
Peter Wyland D ^o	3.. 0.. 0	
Geo. Helser, remitted		a Gun to be delivered
Henry Angle	5.. 0.. 0	a Gun D ^o
Jacob Butterbaugh	2.. 0.. 0	paid to Doct ^r Schnebley
Jacob Myers above 50 y ^{rs}		

David Stutzman	£ 4.. 0.. 0
Philip Heldebrand	2.. 0.. 0
Jacob Leare Jun ^r	2.. 0.. 0
Mr Rowland at Jn ^o Gripes old Place	3.. 0.. 0

John Koons fin'd £3. 0. 0 for not enrolling & associating return'd by Captⁿ Cellar.

A Petition from the Menonists & German Baptists was laid before the Committee praying their Interposition with the Convention that they may be indulged with giving Produce instead of Cash for their fines.

Ordered that Colⁿ Beall & Captⁿ Chapline form a Letter to that Purpose. Colⁿ Beall & Captⁿ Chapline brought in the following Letter

Upper District of Fred^k County 3^d July 1776.

Hon^{ble} Sir

Whereas the inclosed petition was laid before the Committee of this District praying their Confirmation of the facts therein recited, & their interposition with your Hon^{ble} house, the Committee has therefore taken the Liberty (being truly sensible of the Justness thereof) to recommend the Prayer to your Consideration & that you will take order therein, and grant such relief as your Hon^{ble} house may think proper I am with due Respect

Your most obed^t Servant

Signed by order of the Committee

Sam^l Hughes Chairman

which is accordingly to be sent to the Convention.

Captⁿ Jam^s Wallen, John Miller & Matthias Hickman have returned their Warrants for collecting the several fines assessed on non-enrollers & non-associators residing in their sepearte Districts.

Maj^r Shryock, this day, furnish'd the Committee with one Quire of Paper 22^d Decem^r furnish'd another Quire furnish'd another.

The Resolutions entered into the 28th & 29th of June last by the two Battalions of this District were this day sent to the press, and are as followeth Viz.

Upper District of Fred^k County 29th June 1776.

Whereas legislative, Executive & Judicial powers in this province are at present exercised by the same body of Men, the Administration of Justice confused and unfixed, places of the most important trust held by persons disaffected to the common cause of America, the Transactions of the Convention carried on in a secret manner and such parts only published as they may think proper, the Recommendations of the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress unregarded & Propositions of the utmost importance determined without consulting the People, an adulatory address presented to Governor Eden supplicating his interposition with a people that has hitherto treated our Just Petitions with the greatest Contempt, all which matters has very much alarm'd the good people of this District and filled their minds with deep Concern for the Honour and Welfare of this Province in particular and the united Colonies in general, and induced them to publish the following Resolutions entered into by the two Battalions of this District & many other respectable Inhabitants thereof on the 28th & 29th of June 1776 & which are as follows

Resolved unanimously, that the present mode of Government in this Province is incompetent to the Exigencies thereof & dangerous to our Liberties.

Resolved unanimously, that we are of opinion that the present Convention ought to be immediately dissolved & a new one elected for the express purpose of carrying the Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 15th May into Execution.

Resolved unanimously that we will support the union of the Colonies with our Lives and fortunes.

The Comittee adjourns to the first Tuesday in August next, at Sharpsburgh.

By Special order, the Committee met at Elisabeth Town
July 7th 1776. Members present

Captⁿ Sam^l Hughes in the Chair

Colⁿ John Stull

Captⁿ Mich^l Fackler

Colⁿ Andrew Rentch

Mr John Rentch

Maj^r Henry Shryock

Mr Geo. Swingley

Captⁿ W^m Keyser

James Clark Clk

Captⁿ Conrad Hogmire

Joshua Testill of the middle District was brought before this Committee as an Enemy to the Liberty of America, upon hearing the matter order'd that the said Testill be sent under Guard to the Committee of the middle District with the Letter following

Hager's Town 7th July 1776.

Sir

The Committee of this District have thought proper to apprehend Joshua Testill, as a person unfriendly to America, he came here for Tho^s French's papers; as your Committee can be better informed in this Matter, the Committee of this District thinks it best to send him with the Papers under Guard for your Examination and expect you take such order therein, as will be for the publick good.

The Committee adjourns till Saturday next at Hager's Town.

By special order the Committee met at Elisabeth Town July 11th 1776 Members present

Sam^l Beall Jun in the Chair

Col. John Stull

Captⁿ William Hyser

Maj. Charles Swerringen

Captⁿ John Cellar

Maj. Henry Shriock

Captⁿ Christian Lentz

Mr W^m Beard

Mr John Rench

Captⁿ Mich^l Felkler

Jam^s Clark Clk

The chairman laid before the committee a letter July 8th 1776 from John Hanson Jun^r Esq^r Chairmen of the middle district of Fred^k County directed to Sam^l Hughes Esq^r Chair-

man requiring that two members of this committee attend at Fred^k Town on Fryday the 12th Instant, to assist in recommending Officers to take the command of two Companys of Germans, and one company of Ryflemen to be raised for the continental Service by order of the convention.

Ordered that Colⁿ Sam^l Beall Jun^r and Captⁿ Mich^l Fackler attend accordingly.

A Letter from Charles Carrol V. P. laid before the Committee directing that they appoint persons to take the number of Inhabitants within the upper district of Fred^k County, both whites and Blacks distinguishing respectively the Age and Sex of each, to be transmitted to the Council of Safety immediately on Oath, who will pay the Expence thereof.

Ordered, that the following Persons are empowered accordingly

John Miller for Elisabeth Hundred,	Delashmut Wallen for
Sam ^l Swearingen for Marsh Hundred,	Upper Anteitem
Peter Shalley for lower Anteitem D ^o	Jacob Mills Constable
Jam ^s McLaughlin for Canecocheague D ^o	for fort Frederick D ^o
David Wolgamet for Salisbury	
W ^m Bradford for Sharpsburgh	

Ordered, that if any of the Gentlemen appointed to execute the following Orders shall refuse to do the same, any Member or Members of this Committee may appoint another in his or their Room.

Sr

Whereas, we are required by the Council of Safety to have a compleat List of the number of Inhabitants of this District taken, both whites and Blacks, and sent to them without loss of time, distinguishing therein respectively the Age and Sex of each, and that they will pay the expence thereof, the Committee therefore direct and empower you to perform this Duty on Oath, which they expect may be convenient for you to do immediately, not doubting but every Master or Mistress of Family

will assist in a Matter so strenuously requested by the Congress.

Y^r Humble Serv^t

The Committee adjourns to the first Tuesday in August next.

By special order the Committee met at Elisabeth Town on Thursday the 25th July 1776 Members present

Colⁿ John Stull in the Chair

Col. And^w Rentch

Mr John Rentch

Captⁿ Conrad Hogmire

Mr George Swingley

Captⁿ Mich^l Fackler

James Clark Clk

Mr W^m Baird

Captⁿ John Cellar

Whereas Maj^r George Woltz made Application to the Committee for their Recommendation to the Hble the Council of Safety, to be appointed Maj^r of a Battalion in the flying Camp in the Room of Maj^r Hen^y Shryock.

Ordered, that he be recommended Accordingly, and that the Council of Safety be requested to send by him Cash to purchase Firelocks, Blankets &c &c for the use of the Flying Camp.

The Committee adjourns for an Hour.

The Committee met according to Adjournment.

Receiv'd of Rudolph Roof a Gun, Price £1.. 10 for the use of the flying Camp.

Rec^d of John Rape a Gun, Price £2 for D^o.

Rec^d of Matthias Need a musket Price £2.. 10.

Ordered that Maj^r Henry Shryock be empowered to agree for what number of Guns he possibly can procure for the use of the flying Camp, and pass Receipts for the same.

Rec^d of Jacob Shryock a Rifle Gun, Price £5 for the flying Camp.

Rec^d of John Bilmore a Gun, Price £2.. 5.

Receiv'd of Colⁿ John Stull a Rifle Gun, Price £4.. 10.

Receiv'd of Frances Waggoner 2 Rifles & a Gun, Price £13.

Receiv'd of Maj^r Henry Shryock a Gun, Price £1.. 15.

On Motion resolved, that all Apprentices enlisted under Captⁿ W^m Heyser shall not be continued in the Service without the Consent of their Masters, agreeable to the Resolves of Convention.

The Committee adjourn to the day in Course being the first Tuesday in August.

The Committee met according to Adjournment, at Sharpsburgh. Members present

Colⁿ Joseph Smith in the Chair
 Colⁿ Samuel Beall Jun^r
 Colⁿ Andrew Rentch
 Maj^r Charles Swearingen
 Captⁿ John Cellars
 M^r John Rentch
 Captⁿ Joseph Chapline

Samuel Rohrer complained to the Committee that he is an Invalid, on which Complaint his fine is therefore remitted.

A List of Accounts belonging to sundry Persons for necessities furnished Captⁿ John Reynolds Company in the flying Camp, belonging to the Maryland Service Viz.

		£	S.	D.
John Kersley &c	N ^o 1	16..	16..	0
Walter Wilson	N ^o 2	64..	10..	0
Frederick Hyskill	N ^o 3	13..	1..	0
James McCormick	N ^o 4	1..	11..	6
John Ragan	N ^o 5	33..	17..	0
William Bradford	N ^o 6	3..	1..	10½
Christian Eversole	N ^o 7	18..	19..	4½
Ignatius Simms	N ^o 8	3..	6..	4
George Kiffer	N ^o 9	8..	1..	6

The Committee adjourns to the first Tuesday in September.

By Special Order the Committee met at Elisabeth Town on Saturday the 17th August 1776 Members present

William Baird Esq^r in the Chair
Maj^r Charles Swearingen
Colⁿ Andrew Rentch
Captⁿ Michael Facklor
Captⁿ John Cellar
Mr George Swingley
Mr Christian Lentz
Mr John Rentch
James Clark Clk

Captⁿ Jacob Kern and Henry Warrel being accused before this Committee of expressing Sentiments inimical to the Liberties of America, upon examining the evidences relative thereto, and having maturely considered the whole Matter, do Judge, determine and order that the said Kern and Warrel be severely reprimanded by the Chairman, that they publicly acknowledge their faults, sign a Recantation thereof, and pay all expences accruing on their Apprehensions, and Guard during the Time of their Confinement, and thereupon be discharged.

Said Kern and Warrel being call'd, and on hearing the preceeding Judgment read, fully complied therewith and signed the following Recantation.

We Jacob Kern and Henry Warrel, do hereby acknowledge to all friends of American Liberty, that we have used Expressions inimical to the Liberties of America, that we do hereby publicly acknowledge our Faults, expressing our sincere Sorrow for our evil and malicious Conduct, and do promise, engage and pledge our Honours, to conduct ourselves in a regular Manner for the future, never acting saying or doing, or to our knowledge suffering or permitting anything to be said or done prejudicial or inimical to American Liberty, but will forthwith, with the utmost of our Power oppose every enemy thereof.

Given under our hands this 17th day of August 1776.

Upon the Society of Menonists and German Baptists preferring their Petition of the 3^d of July last to the Hble the Convention of Maryland the Hble Convention entered into the following Resolve.

In Convention Annapolis 6th July 1776.

On reading a Petition of the Society of Menonists and German Baptists

Resolved, that the several Committees of Observation may in their Discretion prolong the Time, or take security for the payment of any Fine, by them imposed, for not enrolling in the Militia, and may remit the whole, or any part of the fines by them assessed; and it is recommended to the Committee to pay particular attention and to make a Difference, between such Persons as may refuse from religious Principles or other Motives.

Extract from the Minutes

G. Duvall Clk

The Committee adjourns to the first Tuesday in September next.

Tuesday the 3^d of September Members not meeting according to adjournment the Committee adjourns till Tuesday 17th Day of this instant.

Tuesday 17th Septm^r the Committee met according to adjournment.

Washington County Sep^r 17th 1776.

Came Henry Yare before me one of the Proprietary Justices of the Peace for said County and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he Delivered unto Coll Henry Shriock fifty nine Musketts with Iron ramrods and Wipers and thirteen boyenetts for the use of the flying Camp.

Sworn before John Stull

Washington County Sep^r 17th 1776.

Came Frances Wagoner and Euness Deets before me one of the Proprietarys Justices of the Peace for said County and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they Delivered unto Coll Henry Shriock thirty one Musketts and

thirty Bonyonetts all with Iron ramrods for the use of the Flying Camp and made for John Uncel

Sworn before John Stull

At the same time came Nicholas Hockey and made Oath that he Delivered unto Coll Henry Shriock seven Musketts with Iron ramrods for the use of the flying camp made and Delivered for John Uncel

Sworn before John Stull

Received Sep^r the 6th 1776 of John Uncel the Quantity of Sixteen Musketts and Bonyonetts with Wipers for the German Batalion I say received by me.

⌘ William Hyser

Sept^r 17th 1776.

Present the above day

Mr W^m Baird in the Chair

Cap^t Fackler

Mr Jⁿ^o Rench

Mr G. Swingler

Major C. Swearingin

Coll J. Stull

Capt. T. Sellers

Coll Andrew Rench

Mr Lodowick Young

Mr John Shryock

Aded to the Committee

for Licence of Suits

in Lew of Coll Henry

Shryock and Capt

W^m Hyser

The Committee Adjorns to the 27th of this Instant being on Fryday

the Committee Did not appeir according to adjournment But met on Monday the 30 Day following Present William Baird in the Chair Coll John Stull Conrad Hogmire Cap^t John Celler Capt: Michael Fockler John Rench Coll: Andrew Rench. the Committee Did Purches arms and Blankets for Captain Clapsadles Company for the flying Camp to the first of December to the vallue of Seven Hundred and one pounds fourteen shillings and three pence which account was Send to the Convention by Coll John Stull.

Michael ott Delivered to Capt Clapsadles Company Eighteen Tomyhocks at 2 2/6 each.

Frederick Heisnil Delivered to Capt Clapsadles Company thirty two Tomyhocks with handles at 3 shilling each.

The Committee adjourns to the Last Saturday in November

The Committee Called on the 10 of October 1776

Present Charles Sweringen in the Cheair

Conrad Hogmire
Capt M^l Fockler
George Swengle

John Schryock
Col^l Andrew Rentch

The account from George Styer against Capt. John Nelson for £9:0:0 was approved and Delivered to him. The Committee met Saturday the ninth day of Nov^r

present W^m Baird in the Chair—

Capt Fakler
Jn^o Rench
Jn^o Cellar

George Swingler
Lodwick Young

Jacob Huffer Complained his fine was too high the Committee took the same into consideration & made abatement of 2..10..0

Capt Cellar^s Fakler T Lersner and Clapsadles Lievtenant Complained

Apply to Committee for authority to Enable them to Collect the fines of such in their Respective Companies as have Neglected to attend musters on which the Committee allows such fines to be Collected according to Resolve of Convention the Committee adjourns till the thursday the 28th D of this instant.

the Committee being Called on the 16 Day of November 1776 Coll: John Stull in the Chaire Coll: Joseph Smith Coll: Andrew Rentch John Rentch John Celler Ludwick Young John Schryock Conrad Hogmire George Swengle an order was Given to Sundry persons to the Honorable Congress to get three apprentices

The Committee was call^d on the 24 day of Nov^r 1776—
present

Sam^l Hughes in the Chair

Col ^l Stull	John Shriock
W ^m Baird	Ludwick Young
Christian Lance	John Cellars
Col ^l Reach	Joseph Smith
John Rench	Jam ^s Clark Clk

Sam^l Finley was fined £10 for his non enrolling & for neglecting & refusing to sign the Association, & order'd to deliver up his fire arms agreeable to the resolves of the Convention. The said Finley was also charged of altering the Public news paper by mak^g the number of the American army in an attack upon their right wing appear to loose 5000 men instead of 500.

Ordered that the said Samuel Finley do give Bond with good Security in the Penalty of one thousand pounds payable to the Hon^{ble} Matthew Tilghman Esq^r president of the Convention, that he shall well and truly appear before the next general Committee, held for Washington County, to answer the aforesaid Charge, otherwise he shall be sent under safe Guard to the Log Goal in Frederick, to continue untill the meeting of the general Assembly, also that he pay the officer of the Guard 5/ and each private 3/9 per day, during his being kept under Guard.

The Committee adjourns to the 18th day of December next at Elizabeth Town.

Agreeable to an Election held on the 25 of Nov^r 1776 for a Committee of Observation the following Gentlemen were chosen viz—

Col ^l Beall	Christian Lantz
Col ^l Stull	Joseph Sprigg
Col ^l Smith	Sam ^l Hughes
Christian Orendorff	Dan ^l Hughes
W ^m Baird	Doct ^r Hart
John Cellar	Mich ^l Fackler

Peter Beall	John Kershner
Ludwick Young	Andrew Rench
Doc ^r Shnebly	Nich ^l Smith

& on the 18 December 1776 The Committee met, present

Col ^l Beall	Doct ^r Hart
Doct ^r Shnebly	Nich ^l Smith
Dan ^l Hughes	Peter Beall
Sam ^l Hughes	Lud: Young
Joseph Sprigg	Jam ^s Clark Clk.
Christ. Lantz	

Col^l Beall was Elected Chairman

A letter was rec^d from Gen^l Jonston desiring this Committee wo^d give notice to such Captains of the Militia in this County as are not join^d in Battalion to hold themselves in readiness to March to Philad^a. Ordered that a Copy of the same be sent to Cap^t Joseph Chaplain.

Cap^t Sam^l Finley was bro^t before this Com^t by his Bail agreeable to the orders of the last Committee. Order'd that the said Sam^l Finley be committed to the Tory Goal in Frederick Town until he give Bond in the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds Current money payable to the Hon^{bl} Mathew Tilghman Esq^r Condition^d that he shall behave himself peaceably & quietly dur^g the present Contest with Great Britain & that he will not say nor do any thing that may operate against the welfare of the United States of America—

On Complaint being made by Col^l Davis against Christian Eversole for express^s sentiments inimical to the Safety of the United States—

Order'd that a Warrant issue Directed to Cap^t Spires to have the said Eversole before the Committee at their next meet^g to answer to the said Complaint.

On receiving a Letter from General Johnston, this Committee do unanimously resolve that they will exert their utmost influence in preparing the Militia of this County, to march on the earliest notice to Join General Washington, in his opposing the British Army under Lord Howe—

The Committee adjourns to friday next at 9 o'clock Ante Meridiem

The Committee met according to Adjournment. Members present

Coll Sam ^l Beall Chairman	Mr Christ ⁿ Lentz
Capt ⁿ Sam ^l Hughes	Capt ⁿ Mich ^l Fackler
Doct ^r Noah Hart	Col. John Stull
Doct ^r Hen ^y Schnebley	Capt ⁿ Peter Beall
Mr Dan ^l Hughes	Col ⁿ And ^w Rentch
Mr Joseph Sprigg	Capt ⁿ John Cellar
Maj ^r Christ ⁿ Orindorf	William Beard Esq ^r
Mr Ludwick Young	James Clark Clk.
Mr John Kershner	

The Committee proceeded to nominate seven Gentlemen out of their Body, as a Committee for Licening Suits, who were appointed Accordingly—viz.

Col ⁿ Samuel Beall	Capt ⁿ Michael Fackler
Col ⁿ John Stull	Col ⁿ Andrew Rentch
Doct ^r Noah Hart	Mr Ludowick Young
Capt ⁿ Peter Beall	

The Committee adjourns for half an hour. The Committee met according to Adjournment. Mr Joseph Sprigg was elected Chairman. On an Information being made to the Committee on Oath by Frances Blackwell that David Meek on the 10th day of December 1776 expressed Sentiments in his Presence, and in the Presence of Walter Wilson, inimical to the United States of America—

Thereupon it is ordered that a Power be sent to Colⁿ Joseph Smith to apprehend the said David Meek, and to summons Walter Wilson, and bring them before the Committee at Hagers Town, on Tuesday the 24th Instant, to answer and support the said Charge.

On Motion of Daniel Hughes, that a Petition be preferred to the Council of Safety, by this Committee, to call together immediately, the General Assembly in order that a speedy Estab-

lishment of the new Government may take place, for the support and Maintenance of Peace, and Good order in this State, in which the Committee Accurred, and Mr Jos. Sprigg Capt Sam^l Hughes and Doct^r Noah Hart were appointed to draw up the same, Who bring it in, and delivered the same to the Chairman, when the Clerk was ordered to read it—was approved of, and Signed by the Committee unanimously.

On Motion resolved, that the Dunkards and Menonists be advertised, to pay their respective fines, to the Committee, on Tuesday next, otherwise, they may depend, that rigorous Measures will be immediately taken to Compel Payment.

The Committee adjourns to Tuesday next at nine o'Clock A. M.

The Committee being call^d on extraordinary business met on Saturday 22^d December 1776. Present

Joseph Sprigg in the Chair

William Baird	Doct ^r Hart
Dav. Hughes	Sam ^l Hughes
Col ^l Rench	Nicholas Smith
Capt ^t Sellars	Capt ^t Foglar

A letter from the Committee of Frederick County inclosing a Resolve of Congress requesting the assistance of the Militia, was read & it was thereupon order'd That a Copy of the same be sent to Col^l Smith requesting his most earnest Attention thereto, & that he will send the same to Capt^t Joseph Chaplain & Capt^t Butler—

On motion of Col^l Rench & seconded by J Hughes Resolved Unanimously that such of the young Dunkards and Menonists as have not enroll'd nor associated, shall immediately be requested to march with the Militia, in order to give their Assistance in intrenching and helping the sick and all such as will turn out voluntarily agreeably to the above Request, shall have their fines remitted.

It is further unanimously resolved, that on the marching of the Militia from this County, that all they that are well affected

to this State and not capable of marching with the Militia, shall be formed into Companies, with proper Officers for the Protection and relief of such families, as shall be left without Assistance and that the officers of the Companies so formed shall divide the Settlement into certain Circuits and ride round such Circuits as shall be assigned them once a fortnight, and make particular enquiry into the Distresses of the Inhabitants, and order them such relief, as they shall think necessary, and should their Companies not be sufficient for giving such Relief; in that Case, they are required to apply to the Dunkards and Menonists residing nearest to give their Assistance, and in Case of Refusal or neglect they shall take down their names, and return them to the Committee, on the Return of the Militia, that proper notice be taken thereof.

Whereas, there is no place of Security in this County, for confining persons disaffected to this State, and the Tory Goal Frederick Town at present much crowded, it is therefore Resolved That the Stone Stable on Captⁿ Hager's Lot, by permission of Mr Heester, shall be immediately fitted up in a good & substantial Manner, for the Reception of Tories, and that Tho^s Simms Esq^r shall take Charge thereof, as being elected Sheriff of this County, altho not yet commissioned, and that he shall be allowed such reasonable Fees for his Trouble as this Committee shall hereafter direct—

The Committee adjourns till Tuesday next. Tuesday December 24th 1776.

The Committee met according to Adjournment. Members present

Mr Joseph Sprigg in the Chair

Colⁿ Sam^l Beall

Mr John Kershner

Colⁿ John Stull

Mr Nich^s Smith

Colⁿ And^w Rentch

Mr W^m Baird

Captⁿ Sam^l Hughes

Mr Ludwick Young

Maj^r Christⁿ Orindorf

Mr Dan^l Hughes

Mr Christⁿ Lentz

Captⁿ Mich^l Fackler

Doct^r N. HartJam^s Clark Clk.Doct^r Hen^y Schnebley

On Motion resolved that Colⁿ Stull and Colⁿ Rentch Mr Baird and Mr Lentz be a Committee to receive the several Fines from the Dunkards and Menonists, and any one of said Members are empowered to pass Receipts for the same—

David Meek was brought before the Committee agreeable to their order, and upon his voluntarily taking the Oath of Fidelity to this State, was discharged upon paying Cost.

On motion resolved, that Colⁿ John Stull be appointed public Treasurer in the Room of Colⁿ Samuel Beall.

Whereas the Congress have required the Militia of this County to march to Camp immediately, and as there is no Provision therefor—Resolved that the Money in the hands of the Treasurer for this County be apply'd to the above Purpose, and also to defray the Expenses arising for apprehending Tories, and repairing a house for a Tory Goal—

The Committee for receiving Fines from the Dunkards and Menonists, report that they have received the sum of Two hundred and six pounds ten Shillings which is paid into the hands of Colⁿ Stull who has been appointed Treasurer in the Room of Colⁿ Beall.

Ordered that Colⁿ Stull pay Michael Divelbiss the Sum of two pounds sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence as a Compensation for the Delivery of Samuel Finley, to the Keeper of the Tory Goal in Fred^k Town.

Ordered, that Coll. Shryock have Thomas Fowler (a poor Soldier) interred, in a decent Manner, and bring his Account into this Committee, at the next Meeting.

The Committee adjourns to Friday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Friday the 27th December 1776. The Committee met according to Adjournment. Members present

Joseph Sprigg in the Chair

Coll. Stull

Doct^r Schnebley

Coll. Rentch

Mr Dan^l Hughes

W^m Baird Esq^r
 Mr Young
 Mr Smith
 Captⁿ Hughes

John Kershner
 Captⁿ Cellar
 Doct^r Hart
 James Clark Clk.

On Motion Resolved, that the five thousand Dollars sent to the Committee of this County, be put into the Hands of Coll^l Stull Treasurer, and to be apply'd as the said Committee shall direct.

27th December 1776 Reseived of the Committee of Washington County, five thousand Dollars, to be apply'd as the said Committee shall direct.

John Stull

Richard Denison being brought before this Committee and charged with Drinking the Kings health, and expressing Sentiments against the Good of this State—Ordered that the said Denison remain under Guard untill the next meeting of this Committee—Ordered that Coll. Stull appropriate two thousand Dollars, to the use of the Battalion under his command. Ordered that Coll. Stull pay Nicholas Hackey fifteen pounds Currency, in part, for seven Muskets received by Coll. Henry Shryock, by order of Committee, for the use of this State, as appears by a Receipt from under Coll. Shryocks hand, which sum shall be refunded to this Committee, when received from the Council of Safety.

On Motion ordered, that M^r George Cellar, Doct^r Schnebley M^r Conrad Hogmire, George Shaver, Charles Swearingen, Captⁿ James Wallen, Delashmet Wallen, Stophel Burket, Christian Lentz, Maj^r Christⁿ Orindorf be impowered to collect from the Dunkards and Menonists, or from any other Person, all the Waggon Cloaths, that can be got, and make Return thereof to this Committee, who will appraise them and pay for the same—

Ordered that Coll. Stull pay John Miller one Dollar for his Service in riding Express to Coll. Jos. Smith—

The Committee adjourns to Monday next at 9 o'Clock.

Monday 30th December 1776. The Committee met According to Adjournment. Members present

Mr Joseph Sprigg in the Chair

Coll. John Stull	Capt ⁿ Fackler
Coll. And ^w Rentch	Mr Young
Doct ^r Noah Hart	Mr N. Smith
Mr W ^m Baird	Mr Christ ⁿ Lentz
Capt ⁿ John Cellar	Doct ^r Hen ^y Schnebley
Capt ⁿ Peter Bell	John Kershner
Capt ⁿ Hughes	James Clark Clk.

Ordered that Mr W^m Baird and Captⁿ Mich^l Fackler appraise the several Waggon Cloths and Blankets, that may be brought to Town this day, for the use of Coll. Stulls Battalion, and give orders upon Coll. Stull for the Payment, who is hereby directed to pay for the same.

Ordered that the following Persons immediately collect all the People who may be left (after the Militia have marched) and form themselves into Companies, and choose their own Officers, for purpose of relieving the Distress of the Inhabitants, and also to compel the Dunkards and Menonists to give their Assistance, if they should refuse upon Application.

And ^w Lynch	W ^m Baker
John Rentch	Devalt Anchony
Fred ^k Stydinger	Jacob Ritter
Jacob Graves	Peter Shees
Hen ^y Ridenour	W ^m Downy
Matthias Neid	W ^m Douglas
Simon Bowman	Christ ⁿ Shank
Matthias Ridenour	Jacob Cellar
Solomon Miller	Tho ^s Swearengen
John Bilmore	John Swisher
Christ ⁿ Duss	Peter Leisher
Hen ^y Stertzman	Ludwick Cammerer
Peter Ridenour	John Adam
Nich ^s Ridenour	Peter White

John Adair	Wendal Sites
Tho ^s Long	Geo. Coaler
Jacob Miller	Fred ^k Gyzer
Pat ^k McCardal	Geo. Lambert
Ab ^m Knave	Peter Frigate
Christ ⁿ Kore	John Webb
Godfreit Stemple	Nich ^s Mong
Stophel Burket	Joseph Perry
Martin Hany	Stephen McCloskey
Matthias Sailer	Mich ^l Roof
Geo. Kershner	John Gabby
Geo. Swingley	George Galaspy
Geo. Shaver	Cap ^t Isaac Baker

Ordered that all persons belonging to Coll. Stull's Battalion who complain that they are invalids apply to Doct^r Hart for Certificates representing the same—

Resolved that the Militia of Washington County be requested to march to the Assistance of General Washington to continue 'till the 15th day of March next, unless sooner discharged.

Richard Denison being brought before the Committee agreeable to Order, acknowledged the Charge against him therefore ordered that the said Denison be confined under Guard, untill he shall give Bond with Security in the Penalty of one thousand pound payable to the Honble. Matthew Tilghman and conditioned that he shall not say nor do any thing to the Prejudice of the Independent States of America, or untill he shall tak the oath of Allegiance to this State, as prescribed by the last Convention and pay the expence of the Guard.

Information being lodged against Peter Gensberger and Angel Gensberger for speaking words against the common Cause, it is ordered that Captⁿ John Cellar send a strong Guard for the said Gensbergers and have them before this Committee on thursday next, to answer said Complaint.

Ordered that Captⁿ Fackler receive the Lead from Doct^r Schnebley and render an Account thereof to this Committee.

Ordered that Coll. Smith and Maj^r Orindorf appraise the

Waggon Cloths that may be collected for the use of Coll. Smith's Battalion, and make Return thereof to this Committee.

Ordered that the Guard take Richard Denison to the House of Mr John Parks, and him there in safety keep untill the meeting of the next Committee.

Also ordered that the said Guard apprehend John Parks and him safe keep, so that they have him before the Committee at their next meeting.

The Committee adjourns 'till Wednesday next at 9 o'Clock A. M.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CARROLL PAPERS.

(Continued from Vol. XII, p. 296.)

April 13th 1770 [126]

Dr Charley

I have y^{rs} wherein you tell me that C^{sn} Dan^l Carroll told you th^t He had good Reason to Believe Mr Digges would be glad to settle His Claim ag^t me, upon Condition I would Pay Cliftons Bond & the Int^t thereon. If the Reason of His Belief be good, I cannot see why the Proposal should not be Directly from Mr Digges If He thinks it a Condescension unbecoming him we differ widely in opinion; indeed it might be an avowall of His precipitate & Preposterous Behaviour; But I will not Enlarge on this head, His is an ill state of Health wh^h I Commiserate & am sorry for & which prevents my Repeating what I have often told you relating to it: Beside giving it for granted th^t He is entitled to the Principall & Int^t due on th^t Bond (which he is not, as I Can shew it was my nephew & nieces money wh^h I lent to Clifton) is there not a deduction to be made for the Int^t due on my disbursements for my nephew and nieces, are there not Commissions due to me. In strictness ought not the loss to fall on my nephew & nieces jointly. But I wave these things, I Cannot Resent my poor unhappy nephews Behaviour

as it was directed by the advice of others: My niece El^{ns} Behaviour was always dutifull & Affectionate, if Molly has Behaved indiscreetly much may be said to Excuse Her. I am therefore willing if you do not think it too great a sacrifice to Pay M^r Digges Cliftons Bond & the Interest thereon provided M^r Digges will Pay me all Costs & Charges I have sustained by His sute ag^t me in which I do not include money fees to our Lawyers; I insist on this, that M^r Digges may at least acknowledge His Behaviour was too precipate. You will not feel the loss of the sacrifice I am willing to make & it may be some Comfort to M^r Digges in His present Condition.

If you approve of what I wrote to you, you may shew it to C^{sn} Daniell, if not keep it to y^r self. I am D^r Charley

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Chas: Carroll

April 20th 1770 [127]

D^r Charley

I have y^{rs} of the 17th & 18th There is a law (If you will look into the Book of Virginia Laws) Regulating the Rate of silver by the ounce & Penny weight, & at the Rate every one in Virginia is obliged to take it, you may weigh a Dollar & if you find by the weight th^t a Dollar is worth more than 5/9^d at the Rate you must pass them, other ways you must submit to what Hunter & Lawson may Claim, unless Lawson by His letters Engages to furnish it at the Rate of 12/6 Maryland Currency, & I Have some notion He did so. However it is well we get it at any Rate, Considering our distress; it is so great in this neighborhood, th^t what with the loss of stock, loss of time in fetching & getting Corn & the High price of it, the People will not Recover the Damages they Have & will sustain in less than 4 or five years. Insted of Repining we are in duty Bound to thank God th^t we are so well able to bear any loss we Have or may sustain—

I am very glad to Hear th^t Lewellins Proceedings were quashed, & Hope their being Quashed will procure you Peace.

I suppose y^r Evidences proved their Attendance, get the Bill of Costs & demand th^m Immediately—

I am very sorry you Cannot without fatigue go thro the Business you must transact, the way to do it with ease is to do only one thing at a time & to do it so & so deliberately as if you had nothing Else to do, for want of doing Business so, you will be very apt to Commit mistakes, as an illustration I send you Otteys letter on the Back of W^h you say His originall Bond was for £103:0:0 whereas it was for £203:0:0 should you make such mistakes in y^r Books, they would be very important to y^r self or to those who owe us money—I am glad Ridgate did not Accept y^r offer. I think tob^o must sell at least at 22/6 & 4 p^r ct^t, Pray write my opinion to M^r Ridgate, it will shew th^t in my opinion you was too Condescending. I think His offer now & hereafter of Giving the Highest Bill of Exch^a price too uncertain, But we will Consider this at leisure.

It was Needless to send me the Extract of the Cash Acc^t Consider it y^rself, & if you are satisfied no unnecessary Expences have been incurred I am satisfied. You made Household Expenses & tradesmens Bills Amount to £400:14:9½ If I Remember Right the Cash you Received in th^t time Amounted to nigh £700, what become of Ballance? not th^t I want to know what is become of it but I want you to Consider & to Reflect whether such large disbursements may not in future be Curtailed—

M^r Calder Brought me y^r letter & I Helped Him out with Provisions. Inclosed you Have the distance from Annapolis Gate to our gate Between the Stable & Corn House which you will find, at the Rate of 320p^s to the mile, to be 32 miles ¼ & 34p^s ¹

¹	To Caleb Dorsey's.....	1389
	To Mr Warfield's.....	1105
	To Mr Dannolds.....	358
	Gambrils Lane.....	874
	The old House.....	699
	To Douglass.....	337
	To Chs Carroll's Esqt.....	5592

Perchs 10350

I thank you for the Communication or M^r Cookes letter It is Realy well wrote & Entertaining. I Return it to you thinking the Printer will be glad to Print it, I think the Publick ought not to be deprived of it, Besides Billy seems to permit it & I think it will Redound to His Credit & give him Reputation. Has M^r Hepburn answered my letter to Him as security for Jo: Cooke? if not Pray write to him & tell Him you are directed by me to put th^t Bond in suit unless He will promise to Discharge it at farthest by the last of Sep^t. M^r Cookes Behaviour has been such as to justify this step—

Has Dorsey as security for Sligh satisfied th^t Debt? If Watkins has not payed the Compound Interest willingly & settled the matter take the legall steps, their Behaviour Requires it.

The Small Pox is all Round us, which Has determind me to Innoculate all our young negroes there will be about 120 send the medicines mentioned in the Inclosed ² to prepare them for Innoculation, the Quantity of Plaster must be Proportioned to the number, Rather more than less, I suppose Diapalma or Diaculan will do, But Tootle will tell you I applied to Howard who would not Innoculate them under 20/ a head. I am therefore determind to trust to M^r Ireland, who succeeded very well Heretofore & I doubt not will do so again. He has the directions He formerly followed—I want these things, th^t is Medicine by the Boy to prepare the Children & when the Cart Carries y^r flower, I shall want 350^{ll} of Muscovado Sugar & 50^{ll} of Coffee to Give the sick. I hope you Have not forgot to write to M^r Harding about the sugar.

It seems Plain to me th^t the Revenue Acts will be Repealed—When did Carcaud & Colson leave London? They are said to Have had but 7 weeks Passage, But th^t is Vague unless the Place of their Departure be knowne—My love & Blessing to

² 4 ounces of rhubarb

4 Do of Ialap

2 Do of Ipicacuanha

4 Do of Cenitive Elecsuary

Some Common Plaister as it is called in the shop—

you & Molly, I pray to God to Grant you Health & I am Dr
Charley_

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Chas: Carroll

P. S. I have begun to Plant the Vineyard (which is enclosed) with 4 sorts of Vines, each sort in a separate Bed Vzt—Renish Virginia grape, Claret & Burgundy—The weather is fine & has produced some grass & in Consequence of it we had this day a Plate of very good yellow Butter. I do not think the stone Cutters will finish my Porch before the middle of May. The Stones for the Bases & Capitalls are not all got only 4 of them, it is difficult to raise them so thick as the stone is jointy, Steps may be easier Raised, The Stone Cutters wish to Have a draft of the Bases & Capitalls, they Could rough the stones to that draft, & save a great deal of Carriage for a stone 2 feet square, & such solid stone, is very Heavy. I hope the Business is pretty well over & that you are in better spirits in Consequences of ease & of course in Better Health—

April 25th 1770 [128]

Dr Charley,

The hands accompany this who are to tend the Brick makers, if you want another there is a large Girl at Pete Tuckers. Mr Ireland has the memorandums & suppose the things will be sent with the Flour, the Cart wheels for the Island Expected, which I Believe are not tier'd, & if they be tier'd, they Cannot be sent now, being too Heavy.

Get the legall Costs in the Povinciall & St. Marys made out ag^t Lewellin let Neale demand them & if not Immediately Paid, get an Execution—tob^o is high now & may not be so next year.

Pray let Mr Ridgate know th^t I did not approve of the offer you made him of our tob^o Indeed I wonder you made it, as wee heard tob^o was Rising in London, & as you must be sensible the Crop to be shipt is a short one.

Pray send up some of the sugar th^t Came from Mr Harding, we shall want a great deal of it if Clayed sugar does not Come in before the strawberry season.

The Rhubarb was necessary to Prepare the negroes for inoculation, According to Do^r Heberdens Directions wh^h Mr Ireland formerly followed. If we & Tootle Had it not, you might Have got it some where in Towne. But as you did not send it, as the Danger of the negroes taking it in the Naturall way presses, & as Mr Ireland is threatened with a fit of the Gout in th^t Case may not be able to Attend th^m I have agreed to Give Do^r Howard 5/ a head for Physick & advice, wh^h I Reekon so much out of Pocket, I am also to give Mr Baker \$20 for Attending th^m this is no Expense as I intended to Give th^t sum to Mr Ireland. I expect to begin to Innoculate tomorrow.

I think you are wrong to Have the Capitalls &c finished there, they may be defaced in the Carriage, wh^h Danger would be avoided if only roughed out there, But Please y^rself. The Man will do them well, But it will take time for the stone is very Hard. They will doe a great deal in a day, when they get to work, on the Severn Stone. Mr Brooke will let you know th^t y^r Pork is not Ready & the Reason of it, I can Employ them, the Stone Cutters until you are prepared for them Here. They will not only Carry their Tools, But they Can set th^m up & Repair them. You Have a Bellows anvill &c in the store which they will want when over Severn.

I suppose you Have upbraided Young with His Knavery & Lazyness, let Him know before Evidence th^t you will Charge Him 2/ a day for every day you can prove Him to be absent from the Plantation without y^r leave, this may Have a good Effect, Especially if you season it with Hopes of Continuing with you, if by His summers Work He shews th^t He deserves to be Continued. I will look out forage to serve you.

I advise you to let to Man all the lot not Promised to Bryan, let Him Have the Rents of Satler &c under Covenant to Build in a limited time, of such dimensions as you think proper, the

Rent £20 p^r An^m the Term of 40 years. I thank you for the Phamphlet w^h I Return—If you have any others worth perusal pray send th^m D^r Charley to

Y^r Mo: Aff: Father

Cha: Carroll

April 27th 1770 [128]

D^r Charley

Myne of the 25th was in answer to y^{rs} of 21st and 22^d instant. The wheels for the Island are shod But want Boxes, it is M^r Brookes fault, He was long since desired to send th^m I shall send th^m as low as Douglas's with a Carriage, that is upon an Axel tree & Young must get th^m to you from thence for Considering the Cartage of my Corn & wheat & the weakness of my Teams for the want of Corn & the Ploughing & preparing for the Crop in hand I cannot Doe more

Pray send me 2^{ll} of the Course Gunpowder to Blow the lime stone, 2 Dzⁿ of Spirit & 4 or 5 Dzⁿ & of Claret this last I suppose you may well spare as you expect a supply, as you will not have much Company this summer, as I shall have a good deal & a good deal of y^{rs} in Particular—

Inclosed you Have Goudys Acc^t which settle in y^r Books—I think I sent you Elgars acc^t. You do not acknowledge the Receipt of it, If I did not send it, let me know it, & it shall be sent, my memory fails me, it therefore Behoooves you to answer particularly my letters. I suppose Coll Sharpe does not want any more Burnet seed I therefore sowed what I had Reserved for him. I have settled with Malvell, the Fuller, my advance to him, was £228:13:8¹/₄ for which & the 10 acres of land to His Mill, you will Receive an Annual Rent of £30 which is laying out money to good advantage. I have scared Tim into sobriety, if He Continues so, He will do very well as He has a prospect of Great & increasing Business. I Have not yet finished the Tanyard, or settled the Tanners Acc^t But I suppose His Rent will Amount to nigh \$20 p^r Annum. Thus you see in these two Articles a pretty little Annual Estate

Raised, & th^t every shilling I lay out, is layed out to profit. My dry well, will be compleated by the 20th of next month & I hope will answer the Intention of it. Pray let me know the whole of the Corn w^h Lawson, Hunter & Coolidge are to supply & part of it they Have supplied. I suppose 2000 Bushels Have been delivered at the works or are to be delivered there, 500 at Annapolis, there will Remain for Elk Ridge (if as I apprehend 600 Bushells were Engaged) 3500 which will do, or Even, 500 Bushells less if the Contractors should fall short in their supply—I am pleased with the Stone Cutters, they are sober diligent & good workmen, Guthing in the Easter Holydays made out of the lime stone a mortar for Mr Ireland as good as y^r Marble one, He can I think do almost anything in stone work. Let me know the day you set out for the Eastern shore & when you intend to Return. I shall not send to Annapolis in y^r Absence without necessity. The weather continues dry, no grass or any thing Else growes. Yesterday morning we had Ice. But I do not think the fruit Hurt, it has been Cold for two or 3 days past, last Sunday & Monday Exceeding Hot & Gusts Back of us, But no Rain Here—My love & Blessing to you & Molly. God grant you, Both Health & Happiness—I am Dr Charley

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha. Carroll

Friday one o'Clock—It is now Cloudy the wind at S. I hope we shall Have a Sober settled Warme Rain, w^h is much wanted.

April 26 & 27 1770

[Piece of a letter]

The Wagon was to Have gone to Towne this morning but the flour was not quite Ready, she will be with you on Monday, & I send my letters before Her, th^t Her Load may be ready for Her. Yesterday 110 negroes, the Eldest not Exceeding 10 y^{rs} were innoculated, Baker lodges with me to Attend them. Mr Ashton was Innoculated last Wednesday. Mr. Ireland is

layed up wth the Gout. Pray order Everything to be prepared for the Wagon th^t it may be dispatched as soon as possible, order the Horses to be well fed while with you, & give th^m Corn to feed th^m on their Return.

I suppose you Have not seen Jos^a Beale as you do not mention, Concord &c—I suppose Christie has brought some important news, as I Hear He left London the 1st of March. It Rained a little yesterday Evening, & but a little & this High & Cold wind will soon dry the Ground again. I wish you & Molly a Pleasant Voyage, fair winds & fair weather & th^t you may both Return in good Health—I am Dr Charley

Y^{rs} &c

Cha: Carroll

May 4th 1770 [129]

Dr Charley

Inclosed you Have Mr Graves letter to you, I am glad to find by His to me, th^t He seems to be in much better temper than when He last wrote to you, for you know I did not by myne intend to give Him any Offence. The only dispute Between us & England is whether England can take our money from us without our Consent, & I Cannot see th^t He shews the shadow of an argument to prove this—I see by the English Papers you sent me Cha^s York Cut His throat. Timothy was very Penitent. He came to me knelt downe begged my Pardon, promised never to behave so again I forgave him & told Him I should forget his fault provided He Behaved well for the future, w^h He promised. He was much scared & I believe will keep His promise—As to y^r molds, Robert is not Clear, nor Could Timothy make the Matter plain to Him. If you Intend 4 Pillars it is Plain the Bases Capitalls & Astracals must be all alike for each Pillar, But if you intend only 2 Pillars, in front & Pillasters adjoining to the House, then the Bases Capitalls & Astracales to the Pillasters will only be ½ work, the way to Satisfy Robert is to draw & send a plan of y^r Pillars with the Bases &c. Robert says you had

better Have y^r Pillars in stone, if you Resolve on this, you must Hier the Cartage of them to Towne for I Can neither spare nor will my Horses be able to Carry downe the Stone work.

I Believe you will be Pleased with the Pavement of my Porch next the Garden wh^h will be finished about the middle of the week after next. I wish you would send two leathern Aprons for the Stone Cutters, the stone Rubs out their Britches & Cloaths.

How do you like the two hgd^s of Claret? what did they cost freight and all Charges included? I was glad to see Young, & Chapterd Him pretty Roundly; He wanted to know my informer, wh^h I Refused He says He was Certain it must be one who wanted His Place. I told Him, His Crop would shew whether He deserved to keep it. He sayed it should & seemed to be much scared—If Lawson supplys two thousand Bushells of Corn, which I think He will I shall Have Corn enough to Carry me into Harvest & then I must feed on Rye. But th^t will oblige us to use new Corn too soon, wh^h is a great waste & May occasion a want of Corn, next year Especially, if this summer should prove unseasonable. Inclosed you Have my State of the Corn, let me know if it be right—I am Ex-treamly Glad you are at ease about Molly, She is realy a good Girl, a little time & Experience will I doubt not wean Her from the little Levities you dislike & produce that sollidity which I expect from Her good sense and judgement—I did not let Her Mother know a word of what you wrote to me. Dr Charley you cannot in any thing give me so much Pleasure as in taking Care of y^r Health, I pray dayly for it, it is what I wish most next to my Salvation. Ride out as often as the weather will permit you—Davidge Has been twice to speak with Howard, He could not find Him at Home, He is always from Home—Fox Hunting, or Pleasure Hunting, Davidge will do what He Can & follow my Directions—What you said to Jordan about y^r lots was Judicious & I am glad you Had so good an Opening. D:D will endeavour to thwart you, But I think to no Purpose as I suppose the Gov^t will Discounte-

nance Him. Molly writes to Her Mama th^t she felt the little one 4 weeks past, tell Her I think Her a perverse Girl for not letting me know it sooner—Pray keep shoemaker Jim with you untill He is killed or Cured He is a valuable Man, & should not be neglected, Give my service to Do^r Tootle & tell Him I desire He will Exert His Abilities & give Him due Attendance to Restore His Health, from Do^r Howards long tryall, I think He did not understand James's disorder—We had last Monday & Tuesday night's pretty sharp frosts, Ice on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings as thick as a Dollar, our fruit is Hurt but I think without other frosts we shall have a Tollerable Plenty of all Sorts. We had a little Rain yesterday evening it has been drisling all this day (I write this at 4 o'clock P. M.) it is Cold. We very much want a warmer soaking Rain, for excepting the snow which fell the 1st & 2^d of Aprill & which did not soake the Ground, we have had but one Rain, & th^t did not Penetrate an inch; all, but a little forward Wheat, looks sadly. My Oats looked better 10 days past than it does now, no vegetation & Consequently little or no grass. I never knew so late & so disagreeable a Spring, I hope for more favourable summer. M^r Croxall supplied me with 32 Bushells of Potatoes (all He Could spare) they do not Plant 5 Acres so th^t by Experience of friend th^t an Acre instead of 4 takes upwards of 6 Bushells of Potatoes, & Could I have been supplied I would Have Planted 8 Bushells of Potatoes to the Acre. I hope what I have Planted will produce well as they are Planted in good ground & shall be well attended

By the last Acct. I had from Mr. Croxwell, which was on the 20th Past, He Continues to Have His fits. I Begin to despair of His Recovery: I intend if nothing prevents me, to goe to see Him next tuesday I Have a great Regard for Him, Pray say something obliging of Him in answer to this, I will shew it to him & I am Certain it will please & Comfort him, & is it not a duty to give such a man, what Pleasure & Comfort we Can. M^r Ashton has His feavour & tomorrow or next day I expect the Pock will shew itself. Some of our little ones Have it, the Doctor uses the Coffee. He did not Care to Ask

for it, as He thought I might think it too Expensive the Molasses is very agreeable to them very proper & a great Help as food, it is spread on their Bread I doubt not they will all doe well—If you Have altered y^r time of going to the E. shore let me know it. I hear Chamier of Baltimore Towne has Brought word from Annapolis th^t the Revenue Accts are Repealed, if this news be true, by what ship Have you Received it. My love & Blessing to you & Molly wishing you both perfect Health & Happiness I am Dr Charley—

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha: Carroll

May 7th [130]

Dr Charley

I have y^{rs} by Sam. Rob^t understands the draft or Plan of y^r Pillars & Pilasters for y^r Porch & will get the Capitalls &c & I hope be able to finish by the middle of June.

By the inclosed which I desier you will Return to me by the Bearer you will see that Coolidge insted of 2000, only sent 1420 Bushells of Corn. That Lawson falls short 900 Bushells & th^t you owe 346½ Bushells to the Works.

I see th^t Sam^l Lane by the last Maryland Paper advertises 1000 Bushells of Corn to be delivered at Pigg Point. Pray write to Coolidge & send an Express to him to Engage the Corn & to send it up as soon as Possible. If we Can get the Corn it will make good y^r Supply to the works & with the Remainder Can make a shift untill new Corn is fit to be gathered, without it, I must keep wheat & Eat it. I shall Speak to you, about Plater when I see you. I Cannot suppose you will give £200 Virginia Currency for a Pair of Horses, I would walk rather than do it. My love & Blessing to you & Molly. I suppose you will Return from the E: Shore by the 25th at farthest. We are well, Rachell gives Her love to you & Molly. I am
Dr Charley

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha: Carroll

You may let Coolidge know th^t His, Hunters, & Lawsons falling short 1727 Bushells of the Quantity promised, obliges you to press him to Engage Lanes Corn, or the like Quantity any where.

May 22: 1770 [131]

Dr Charley,

I have y^{rs} of the 5th 8th & 9th before me & I now Answer what is Materiall to be answered. In Y^{rs} of the 5th you say Mr Ogle Expects two pair of Horses from Mr Beverley: Beverly Asks £200 Virg^a Currency for each Pair. Mr Ogle Has offered to let me have a pair of them if I like them.

In y^{rs} of the 8th you say, I Cannot Conceive How you took it into y^r Head th^t I had any thoughts of giving £200 Virginia Currency for a Pair of Horses. What Passage in my letter Could induce you to think so? The quotation from y^r letter of the 5th is a Clear Answer to this Question, & I must desier you to Read over all y^r letters to others, if they any ways Relate to Business, for fear you should say to them, what you do not intend to say. Never do any thing in a Hurry, thought & Reflection ought to Accompany the most trifling transactions, when they are omitted, it is an indication, that application & Business is very Disagreeable. I would not Humor Plater at the Expence of y^r Purse. Conscious as you are that He acted Contrary to y^r orders or Request: Here is another lesson, which I wish you, would observe, th^t is to Give y^r instructions in all such Cases under y^r Hand & to keep a Copy of them. Baker will informe you what was the Result of y^r letter to Coolidge & of the subsequent transactions & of the letter He has at my Request wrote to Coolidge. Beside Gathering the growing Crop of Corn or Part of it before Ripe for my People, I shall be other ways much distressed if you Cannot procure me an Additionall Supply of Corn: 1000 Bushells will make good what you are deficient at the works & the Remainder will Enable me to make a Tollerable shift Here. I advise you not to Build y^r new Stable before next Spring, do not do it then unless you Have every Article in Place. But more of this when I

see you. I have not Heard from nor Have I any opportunity of writing to Houston about the Shingles. I shall not neglect to instruct Davidge when I see Him.

May 24th We are in great want of Rain, since the 19th of March the Day I left Annapolis to this day we have not had a Rain to wet the ground one Inch deep. We had a snow the 1st of Aprill about 4 Inches deep, But th^t upon a thaw aforded but little moisture: What vegetation we have had is from the winter Rains, My Garden and Pastures are all most Burnt up. Our Corn is Come up Beyond Expectation, yet a great deal is missing wh^h we have Replanted. The Plants in our upland Beds are greatly Hurt by the Flye, But we have Plenty in our low Beds, But they as every thing Else want Rain, Our Wheat particularly which Cannot stool or Branch; If we had been so happy as to have had the Rains you had the 8th & 9th instant, it would have been greatly Helped. Our fruit was not very much Hurt by the late frosts, the Pears Excepted, of which, we shall have but few. My Vineyard seems to suffer most by the want of Rain. We have a great shew of Grapes in the Garden. My dry well will be Covered & fit for use next week. The Stone Cutters have been at work upon y^r Bases & Capitalls since the 12th instant, I do not think they Can Compleat them by the 15th of June they are good & Diligent Workmen, so is the wheel wright, they all Behave well, so does Timothy. Our Plantation Work, is pretty forward we are in a good way for a Crop if it will Please God to Bless us with favourable Rains & weather. I have Planted thirty two Bushells of Potatoes, which have only taken up 5 Acres & a half. If you Have not Received a Supply of Clayed Sugar, I shall want most of the Sugar which Came from Philadelphia at the Approaching Strawberry Season. We must send to Philadelphia for Leather at the same time write for more sugar & some dyeing Drugs for Malwell, and Acc^t of the Leather & dyeing drugs I will give you when you Come Hither I have Heard th^t the Lands Ensor Proposes to Mortgage with Corn by Chance &c. are Entailed you will Enquire into His Title to those Lands Before you take a Mortgage of them. If the acc^t of L^d Baltimores Death be

true the Gov^r must know it, let me know whether He has had any advice of it. Mr Curry has wrote to Her Mother th^t Curry has payed you Mr Ireland desiers to know whether it be so. W^m Logsdowne & Rich^d Wells paid me the 8th instant £27:0:0 Curr^t Ball^a: due from th^m on th^t day is £13:19:5½ Mr Ottey p^d me the 18th Inst £212 Chiefly in Dollars which I will Deliver to you. All the People innoculated are well, it was very favorable to all, But we had like to Have lost Stephen the Bricklayer, He was very well had but few Eruptions & they were drying away, when Heating Himself by Exercise perhaps drinking Cold Water, if not Rum, He was seized last Sunday overnight with a Delirium & Continued out of His Senses for 10 or 12 days. He is now allmost perfectly sensible, without any feavour & Begins to work about, negroes & their Nurses are so Stupid th^t they Cannot be kept in order, nor Can they be prevailed on to follow directions; I did not Innoculate the sucking Children, & ordered their mothers not to Visit their Innoculated Children, they did not observe those orders & I am apprehensive some of the sucking Children Have taken the Pock from their mothers. I went to see Mr. Croxall the 8th & Returned the 12th He read th^t part of y^r letter Relating to Him it affected Him much, He expressed a great deal of Gratitude & thanks for y^r good opinion & Concern for Him, said th^t nothing He Could say Could Come up to the sense He had of y^r kindness & Esteem for Him, & desiered me to let you know it & in a Manner He said I was more Capable of Expressing than He was, & desiered His Compliments to you & Bid me tell you He most sincerely wished you perfect Health & Happyness. His senses are perfect But He is so Relaxed & His Constitution so Broken, th^t Altho He may linger may be some years, I see little or no Hopes of His Recovery to a perfect State of Health. Mr Ireland Had but a slight fit of the Gout, He is now well & desiers His Complim^{ts} to you.

I Have Here at the Landing 1342 Bushells of wheat for sale it would Have been 1594 if my People Had not eat 252 Bushells. The whole Crop last year was 18531½, Ton wheat 179 Bush^{ls} Totall 20321½. 25th May 12 a clock. We had a Re-

freshing shower this morning at 6 o'clock, & it has Continued Cloudy & misting since, it now looks as if it would Clear up. This Rain will be of great Service to all our small grain & Corn & tob^o Plants, But how far it is short of what we want you will Judge when I tell you that I looked this moment under a Dark leaf & found the ground as dry as if a drop of Rain had not fallen, the Rain has no where Penetrated above an inch. It took at this Plantation & Suckeyes above 3 Bushells to Replant our Corn, it seems the Pissants eat a great deal of Corn in the ground & Cut off a great deal which had Come up well & looked finely, owing to the dry weather. There are such Quantities of ground wormes, th^t I am afraid it will be difficult to get our tob^o Plants to stand when favoured with a Season. Seal myne to M^r Johnson, the inclosed to you, Came in a Packet of News Papers & Magazines wh^h M^r Deards sent me, they Came by Carcaud. M^r Deards writes me you Came Home last Sunday night, y^r Hay was much shorter than I expected, what visits did you Pay? was y^r Voyage agreeable to you & Molly? How do you both do after it? I long to see you Both, When shall I have th^t Pleasure & Satisfaction? My love & Blessing to you & Molly. I am D^r Charley

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha: Carroll

I am in Hopes Tob^o will sell well this summer as I Hear the Planters Have Received very great Acct^s of sale. M^r Howard Has nigh £12 Round for Eight Hgds., one of which was greatly Damaged.

If you have any Mares at the Annapolis Quarter to be Horsed, it is time to send them.

July 16: 1770 [132]

D^r Charley,

I have y^{rs} by Clem & Both y^{rs} by M^r Deards. I cannot possibly send you the Rye untill the Hurry of my Harvest of Grain & Hay is over nor Have I any one to send with Timothy as yet I wish I Could Hier 15 hands for a fortnight & some Ploughs. We Have a good prospect of Corn & tob^o But it is

Exceeding hard work to keep them Clean. Mr Harding has Bought 100lb. of Sugar which is I Believe at Mr Brownes, th^t with the things for the Fuller Amounts to £26:8:11½ for w^h sum give Mr Harding an order on Mr Moylan, Harding writes for the money. I Have not Heard from Davidge. If He or Johnson is going to Virginia next Thursday, if so I hope you will Come up with Mr Eden. I write by Candle light & should not send downe if it was not to oblige Coll Sharpe who writes to Annapolis. I am D^r Charley

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha: Carroll

P. S. I do not expect any Acc^t from Davidge untill I see Him Have Patience.

July 31st 1770 [133]

D^r Charley,

This morning I Received y^{rs} of yesterday by Will. I am very glad to Hear Molly was not much fatigued & th^t she was yesterday in good spirits present my love & Blessing to Her. I find myself quite well, two good nights Rest, very little wine & ease has put me to rights. You need not be uneasy about our tob^o untill the Price is fixed & Quantities are sold, the Purchasers will keep off as long as they Can. I wish you Could learn How much less thⁿ last year Comes to the following Inspections, Head of Severn, Queen Anns, Marlbro, Pigg Point, Bladensburgh & Rock Creek. I shall know from Mr Carroll whether S^r W. D: attempted A Reconciliation between Him & D D; if He did, I think He did not succeed—All my Jobbers, shoemakers, Smiths, Carpenters, Coopers, Bricklayers &c Have Been employed in my Harvest & to keep my Corn & tob^o Clean my Hay Harvest is now on Hand, I Have 6 hands at Hansons to help him. I Hierd to Help Becraft, I Have not begun to make Bricks & I must try to make 100000 thousand this season, from this you may judge it is not in my Power to send you a Laborour But I advise you to Hier

one or two able diligent & working Hands if such Can be met with, the Job you are engaged in is great & Requires dispatch. Dispatch will be a saving if you Can get good Hands at 45/ or 50/ a month, if you Hear of two good spademen, Recommend them to me I want to get the inclosed Part of my Vineyard ready for Planting next spring. Jos: Cannot be spared from the Garden. I do not Hear th^t the Leather &c you last wrote for to Mr Harding are Come. Malwels things & some Sugar is Come as you will see by Mr Hardings letter inclosed. Mrs Darnall had not time to be sick when we Had Company, ever since she has Complained of the Cholick, & not without Reason. She is poorly & desiers Her love to you & Molly—Do not leave Molly in Her present Condition. I promised Her to write to you not leave Her & to Come downe sometime this month. If I Can, I shall then Give you my opinion of the Men, you enquire after. Wishing you & Molly Health & Happiness I am Dr Charley.

Yr Mo: Afft Father

Cha: Carroll

Mrs Curry says she left the letters you sent by Her Behind Her, as Will did not bring th^m I suppose she Has lost th^m I understand there was one for Coll Sharpe & my Pensilvania news Papers. Pray Ask Curry for them for I Have not seen the two last Phi^a Papers.

Mr Hen: Browne is with me. I desired Him to send 7 loaves of sugar, if the Package Could be Conveniently opened, if not to send it all Here, there are 13 Loaves Weighing 105 lbs. Inclosed you Have an Acct of all the Corn Bought and How disposed of, & of wheat sold. Enter it in your Blotter for y^r satisfaction. Our whole Crop of Tob^o Here Rent included, Amounts only to 22 hds of w^h two are Rent, I expect another hgd from Rich. Simpson. I Believe tob^o at E: R. Landing will be at 25/ ster Pr Ct some hgds as I am informed sold so yesterday.

Aug. 1st 1770 [134]

Dr Charley,

Mr Hen: Browne says th^t Mr Moylan at Phil^a Had little or no Connections with His Brother at Cadiz & th^t He will not be Hurt by His failure. I wish it may be so—

Aug. 2^d I this day Hear a good deal of tob^o was sold yesterday at E: R. Landing at 25/ 23/ & none under 22/6 ster p^r C^t The Planters stand out for 25/ in Generall.

Aug^t 3^d M^{rs} Darnall is so unwell as not to go with me to morrow to the Baristers, I shall therefore put off my journey untill Monday.

I Have two pair of Woven Cloath Coloured silk Britches pray send th^m by the Bearer & order my Cloaths to be Air'd & Wigs Combed and Buckled.

As Coll Sharp has not Called, I suppose He is Returned to Annapolis. Pray make my Compliments to Him & tell Him I shall send downe the things He left Here the 11th inst^t with the Boy Sam to Exercise & to Help to dress His Horses. On the same day I shall send the Wagon, let M^r Deards know this th^t He may prepare a load.

Pray make my Compliments to all Enquiring Friends. My love to Molly, God grant you Health. I am Dr Charley—

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha: Carroll

Aug. 9th 1770 [135]

Dr Charley,

Molly writes to Her Mama th^t you was so fatigued with Business th^t you Could not write to me by the last Opportunity, & I wish she had not wrote th^t M^r Calvert & D: Carroll intended last Monday to Pay me a Visit, as I have not had the Pleasure of their Company & as the Expectation of it, prevented my Paying the Barister a Visit last Saturday. I propose thither next Saturday. But I Believe M^{rs} Darnall Cannot Accompany me as she is far from Being well. I Have ordered

Sam to go downe with the Wagon to wait on Coll Sharpe with what things He left Here, Concluding the Coll is gone Home, as I Have Heard nothing of Him. We had a fine Rain last Monday night, it Began at 9 & lasted about an Hour, it was of great Service to the Corn & I suppose to the tob^o altho tob^o does not shew or promise nigh so well as the Corn, it in Generall Growes spindling & looks yellow, new 2^d & 3^d years Ground all Alike, & this is the Condition as I Hear of all the tob^o Round us, if it is so in other Parts of the Country, the growin Crop will fall vastly short of what was expected. The weather Has been I think seasonable & I Cannot Acc^t for the mean Appearance of Tobo. The tob^o in the new Cleared Meadows at Valentines & Sams is very large & Promising, if the spot keeps from it, it will be fine tob^o Peters new ground at the folly makes a poor Appearance, it is not the fault of the ground it being Exceeding good, nor Can I think it owing to the want of Rain, as the weather has been more than Commonly seasonable. Our Corn in Generall looks well, Here all the Fields are very Clean. You Remember M^r W: Dulany gave you some Ears of Indian Corn. I have Planted Here & at Suckys no other, it is in my opinion a very Valuable Corn, it is now allmost all short, Many Ears on a stalk & very large the other Corn is now only Beginning to shoot: I noted some of W: D^s Corn shooting the 8th of July, by being so farward it will not be Subject to be frost bitten, the Fodder will Escape the same Evill, wh^h things alone should Induce all in these parts especially, to Cultivate it. Our Hay Harvest Here is over it is a great Crop, more than Double to what we had last year & very good. The Rivers & Springs are very low & without a Heavy & lasting Rain My Mills will not be able to Grind for my People. As soon as we Have a Flush of Water I Have ordered Flour to be ground for you & let me know when you will want it. Pray go with Timothy to M^r Ridouts study, & desire the favour of M^r Ridout to shew Him How His stove is Constructed to try to make Timothy understand it, so th^t He may build such in my new Work House & Else where. When

will you Have done with Timothy? How do the Stone Cutters go on? Upon Reflection I Cannot go to the Baristers on Saturday, Having appointed Jos: Johnson to be Here the 13th I Hope all our Friends in Towne are well my Compliments to all who Enquire after me. My love & Blessing to you & Molly, God grant you Both Health & Happiness—I am D^r Charley.

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Cha: Carroll

P. S. Pray do not forget to send me my woven Cloath Coloured silk Britches.

Ask M^r Johnson whether He Has obtained a Judgement ag^t Jos. Hall in the County Court, if not when I may Expect it—

Aug. 12th 1770 [136]

D^r Charley,

I Have y^{rs} of yesterday by M^r Currie with the News Papers. Tob^o sels Here as I wrote to you from 22/6 to 25/ ster. p^r C^t I am told the Merchants from Portobacco to Geo: Towne inclusive Entered into an agreement not to give the 4 p^r C^t upon w^h the Planters appointed a Meeting at Bladensburgh & signed an Association not to sell without the 4 p C^r & Refused a Guinea. M^r Macgill gave me this Acct this day & says He had it from a Gentⁿ from Bladensburgh & th^t upwards of 200 Planters signed the Association. He also told me Capⁿ Richardson had Given at the Head of Severn 22/6 & 5/ ster for Cask for 120 odd hgds. I do not approve of the Susquehanna stone for the wall in the water, it is true it will at 1st be Cheaper & the work will be sooner finished, But I am morally Certain you will Have it to do Over again, no point you Can make with th^t stone will prevent the Earths washing through it, so th^t I am afraid you will be Penny wise & Pound foolish. I had if necessary rather be 10 years a doing it than not do it well & I am persuaded it Cannot be well done without stones squared as we Proposed. I shall send you flour as soon as we have water to grind it. Pray tell John the Barber I Have

sent Him 6 Razors by Mr Currie with the Napkin wh Cover'd my Britches. I propose to waite on Mr Carroll on Tuesday if I Can dispatch Johnson on Monday. I still propose to see you about the last of the month. Rachell is not well she presents Her love to you & Molly so do I with my Blessing wishing you Both Health & Happiness I am Dr Charley.

Yr Mo: Afft Father

Cha: Carroll

P. S. We want Rain for our Corn tob^o & Pastures, the last begin to Burn, a good Rain, in a few days would make me a great Crop of Corn.

Aug. 17th 1770 [137]

Dr Charley,

This is in Answer to y^{rs} of the 12th & 15th inst The following will Answer the Shop note you wrote for—July 4: 1770 Bought for Cha: Carroll Esq^r By Mr Harding of Dennis Dougherty

13 loaves of Double refined Sugar 105 lbs. at 1/61½,	£7:14: 71½
Sundry dying Drugs	17: 9: 4
Commissions 5 p ^r Ct.....	1: 5: 0
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	26: 3:11½
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I am not as much Surprised at what Shuttleworth told you as I was at His baring to be Called a Rascall. My Jobbers are not my strongest Hands. I send you two, Turkey Tom Has been used to Raising stone. By sparing these I Believe I must defer Brick Making & I shall want Bricks early in the Spring. Pray defer y^r Stable, Bricking in y^r Garden or any other Jobs untill you Have Compleated the stone Wall at the Bottom of y^r Garden, it is imprudent to Have Many Irons in the fire at once some must Burn. I Cannot spare Adam Scot from Ditching without Backwarding my meadow schemes. I allow Him 2/6 a day. I can not get Hierlings, tho I have

spoken to many to look out for them. I will give Coll Sharpes Gardener £3 p^r mo: Computing 26 working days to the month & I will allow the man who works with Him 40/ p^r mo: if He be a good spades man & I will Employ them untill the frost will Prevent their working. As you did not know what Rout Squires took I wish you had as I advised sent also downe the Bay & th^t by the same opportunities you had sent fresh advertisement^s after Benj^a Daniell unless you know He took shipping for Europe. I suppose you did not Care to take the trouble to do it. M^r Ireland will send y^r Advertisements to Cary tomorrow, the Runs are so high this day th^t there is no passing them. There was a Heavy Rain Here last Tuesday w^h thoroughly soaked the Ground, it Rained Here the Best part of last night & very Hard this morning from 6 untill ten o'Clock, the Flood was by Acc^t very great & Has Hurt us much it has by Report Carryed away a great Deal of the Dam along the stone Mill Race, it Has Hurt my tob^o & Meadow at Valentines very much & I am afraid it has Drowned my meadow tob^o at Sams ford, I speak by Report as I Have not seen the Damage done nor Can I see it well for the Water. Had this Rain not happened, you would Have Had y^r Flower next Tuesday, as it is you shall Have it as soon as possible. I Hope Molly is Better, Pray let me know by M^r Johnson He will set off for Frederick I suppose early on Sunday morning, write to morrow night or Early on Sunday morning, as I send a Boy & Horse to Frederick I Cannot send one to Annapolis. Send the News Papers by M^r Johnson. God Bless you both. I am D^r Charley

Y^r Mo: Aff^t Father

Chā: Carroll

Friday Evening. M^r Ireland is just Returned from the Mill. He says He thinks the Damage may be Repaired by all my Hands in two days, if so my Corn will Receive more Benefit by the Rain, than the Amount of the Damage done to my Mill Race.

CORRESPONDENCE OF GOVERNOR SHARPE.

[From transcripts in the Library of Congress.]

St. James's October 19th 1763.

Horatio Sharpe Esq^r
Deputy Governor of Maryland

Sir,

The King having observed upon Perusal of the Dispatches lately received from Sir Jeffery Amherst, that upon His Application to you to make some Provision for the Defence of the Frontiers of Maryland against the Depredations of the hostile Indians, you had immediately furnished a Body of the Militia with Arms, and ordered them on Service, not only to protect the Lives & Properties of the Back Settlers, but also to act offensively against the said Indians, I have His Majesty's Commands to signify to you His gracious Approbation of the zeal and Alacrity with which you promoted the Good of His Majesty's Service upon this occasion.

It is with great Satisfaction that I acquaint you with this His Majesty's gracious Acceptance of your Services; being &c^a.

Dunk Halifax.

Endorsed October 19th 1763/ To Horatio Sharpe Esq^r/
Deputy Governor of Maryland.

A Rout from Annapolis in Maryland to the several Parts of that Province where it might be proper to settle Post-Offices.

From Annapolis (where a Post Office is already kept) across the Bay of Cheseapeak to the Ferry House on Kent Island } 12 Miles

From the Ferry House on Kent Island to Queen's Town in Queen Ann County } 14 Miles

Thence down the Peninsula or Eastern Part of Maryland to Talbot County Court House } 20 Miles

Thence to a small Town called Vienna on Nanticoke River & in Dorchester County } 30 Miles

Thence to Princess Ann Town in Somerset County 26 Miles

Thence to Snow Hill a little Town in Worcester County which is the most southern Part of Maryland & joins Accomack County in Virginia } 24 Miles

And from Queens Town abovementioned Northwards to Chester Town in Kent County } 23 Miles

Thence to Frederick Town in Cecil County thro which lies the Road to Newcastle on Delaware } 18 Miles

In that Part of Maryland which lies on the West side of Cheseapeak Bay Post Offices may be kept at the following Places viz.

At Baltimore Town which lies Northward of Annapolis on the high Road to York in Pennsylvania & also to Philadelphia being distant from Annapolis } 30 Miles

From Baltimore to Bush Town on the same Road 26 Miles

Thence to Charles Town at the Head of Cheseapeak Bay & in the Road to Philadelphia } 19 Miles

And from Annapolis southwestward to Upper Marlbro in Prince Georges County } 22 Miles

Thence Eastward to Lower Marlbro in Calvert County } 15 Miles

And from Upper Marlbro southward to Port Tobacco in Charles County } 30 Miles

Thence south Eastward to Leonard Town in St. Mary's County } 35 Miles

And from Upper Marlbro Westward to George
Town which is on Potowmack River opposite to
Alexandria in Virginia } 26 Miles

Thence Northwestward to Frederick Town in Fred-
erick County thro which lies the Road to Fort Cum-
land & Pittsburg } 45 Miles

Endorsed In Dep^{ty} Gov^r Sharpe's of the/20th Oct^r 1764/
(Post)

Oct. 26, 1764

An Account of All Instruments made use of in Publick Transactions Law Proceedings, Grants Conveyances securities of Land or Money within the Province of Maryland.

Commissions granted by the Lord Proprietary under the Great Seal of the Province appointing the following Judicial Officers viz—The Chancellor, Provincial Justices or Judges of the Provincial Court, Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty by Commissary General or Judge of the Prerogative Court Justices of the Peace & Judge of His Lordships Land Office.

Commissions granted by The Lord Proprietary or His Lieutenant Governor under the Great Seal appointing the following Ministerial Officers viz—The Secretary, Two Treasurers, Attorney General, Sheriffs of the Fourteen Counties & Coroners.

Commissions granted by The Lord Proprietary or His Lieutenant Governor (not under the Great Seal) appointing a Surveyor General & five Naval Officers. Commissions from the Secretary appointing a Register of the Chancery & Clerk of the Provincial Court, Clerks of the several County Courts & Notaries Publick. Commissions from the Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court appointing a Register & Marshall.

Deputations from the Commissary General appointing a Register of his Office & Deputy Commissaries in the several Counties.

Deputations from the Surveyor General appointing a Land Surveyor in each County.

Inductions from the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant Governor to the Rectors of Parishes—Marriage Lycences, Warrants from the Lieutenant Governor appointing Inspectors of Tobacco in different parts of the Province. Bonds conditioned for the just & faithful performance of their Duty given by the several Ministerial Officers & their Deputies or Clerks.

Registers granted for Ships & other Vessels, Charter Parties, Bills of Sale, Protests & other Notarial Acts.

The Method of Conveying Land in this Province is by Letters Patent from the Lord Proprietary under the Great Seal & afterwards from One Party to another by the same Deeds made use of in England by Writs of Covenant, Writs of Entry sur Disseisin en le Past issued out of the Court of Chancery & made returnable before the Provincial Court, whereon Fines are levied & Common Recoveries are suffered with proper Deeds (if required & necessary) declaring the uses of such Fines & Recoveries, by Deeds of Feoffment, of Bargain & Sale, of Leases, Lease & Release, Exchange, Surrender, Confirmation & Grant, but the most common Deeds in use are Those of Bargain & Sale & Lease & Release; Mortgages of Lands & Chattels & Deeds containing all sorts of Covenants & Conditions, Powers of Attorney, Bonds, Penal & single Bills, Orders for Payment of Money, Promissory Notes. As to the Proceedings in our several Courts they are founded upon the Laws of England & are similar to those of the English Courts of a like Nature with them. Our Courts are—

The Chancery Court, The Provincial Court, The County Courts, The Court of Appeals, The Prerogative or Commissary Court, & the Court of Vice Admiralty.

The Chancery Court exercises the same power in Matters of an Equitable Nature in Maryland as the Chancery Court in England does in Cases of the like Nature there, & our Mode of Proceeding is by Way of Bill, Subpœna, Answer, Pleas, Replication & Rejoinder where necessary. It grants Commissions to Commissioners to take Depositions of Witnesses. It makes Decrees final or Interlocutory & executes those Decrees by Attachment or Sequestration. It issues Injunctions to stay Waste,

to stay Execution on Judgments when Bond & Security are lodged. It issues Proclamations of Rebellion & sequestrations; This Court issues all Original Writs where the Practice of Courts or the Laws of the Province have not taken them away, & there is no Writ in the Register of Writs but what if necessary to be sued out might be sued out in some or other of the Courts in this Province.

The Provincial Court holds Pleas in all Actions by Original Writ issued by their Clerks out of his Office called the Provincial Office for all Sums of Money & Tobacco above Twenty pounds sterling or Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco. It holds pleas of Land by Way of Droitural or Possessory Actions & punishes all Offences against the Publick Peace. The Proceeding in Civil Actions is by Writ of Capias ad Respondendum, Declarations, Pleas in Abatement or Bar, Replications & Rejoinders Surrejoinders, Rebutters & surrebutters & Demurrers; The Court gives Judgments final or Interlocutory, which it executes by Capias ad satisfaciendum, fieri Facias against the Chattles, & in case they are not sold a Venditioni exponas issues. Its Interlocutory Judgments are made final by Writ of Enquiry & Judgments are revived by scire Facias. From this Court also issue Writs of Habeas Corpus & Certiorari for sums of Money above Fifty Pounds sterling or Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco an Appeal lies from the Judgment of this Court to the Court of Appeals. The Clerk makes an Entry of the Proceedings & Records them in his Books of Office. In Criminal Matters the Proceeding is by Way of Presentment Indictment & Information. The County Courts have the same Power & make use of the same Modes of Proceeding as the Provincial Court in all Actions above Fifty shillings Current Money, or six hundred Pounds of Tobacco, & under One hundred pounds sterling & Thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco. Their Judgment in all Actions above six pounds sterling & Twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco are subject to Examination in the Provincial Court by Way of Appeal or Writ of Error.

The Court of Appeals (consisting of the Governor & Council) has a power of examining into & correcting the Errors of the

provincial Court for sums of Money above Fifty Pounds sterling or Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; & also of the Decrees of the Court of Chancery—

The Prerogative or Commissary's Court being a Court peculiarly appointed by Law to prove Wills grant Letters Testamentary & of Administration has a power of calling Executors & Administrators before it, in order to make up the Accounts of Deceased Persons Estates, & also to compel Distributions & oblige Executors to assent to Legacies. The Mode of Proceeding is by Libel, Citation, Answer, Replication, Commission to examine Witnesses. It gives sentence & makes Orders which are executed by Way of Attachment. From the sentence of the Commissary an Appeal lies to the Governor who might himself determine the Matter or appoint a Court of Delegates to determine it.

The Court of Vice Admiralty has Cognisance of all Matters of a Marine Nature & in that Court seizures of ships & Goods are determined. The proceeding is by Way of Libel or Information Warrant Answer & Republication, Commission to examine Witnesses if necessary, sentence which is executed by the Marshal.

In our Courts Law Attachments are issued against the Effects of Defendants where two Writs have been returned Non Est. The Attachment is founded on the Judgment of the Court on the Plaintiffs Cause of Action & if the Defendant does not appear at the Return of the Attachment & contest the Merits of the action. The Goods attached are sold for the use of the Plaintiff & where a Debtor lives out of the Province the Plaintiff issues a Writ against him, together with a short Note expressing the Cause of Action which is left with the Defendant's Attorney in fact (if he has one) or at his last place of Abode, & on Return of that Writ Non Est The Court gives Judgment on the Cause of Action for an Attachment, on which there is the same Mode pursued as before mentioned.

By Act of Assembly of this Province Encouragement is given to build Water Mills & erect Iron Works & in order to secure

Lands convenient for that Purpose the Person inclined to build sues out of the Court of Chancery a Writ of Ad Quod Damnum directed to the sheriff of the County where such Land lies requiring him to summon a jury & return an Inquisition, upon which if there is no Objection & the Owner of the Land refuses to build, the Court of Chancery will grant a Lease to the Party applying for the same, upon his giving Bond with condition that he shall build within a limited time. Bonds are also taken & lodged in the Court of Chancery upon issuing an Injunction to stay Execution on a Judgment, likewise in Writs of Replevin & on granting Appeals & Writs of Error.

In order to make the Proceedings of one Court Evidence in Another it is necessary to have a Certificate of the Proceedings signed by the Clerk of the Court & under the Court's Seal. And to make the Proceedings of our Courts Evidence in other Countries it is necessary to have the Certificate of the Governor with the Great Seal of the Province affixed.

St. James's June 8th 1765

Horatio Sharpe Esq^r
Dep^y Governor of
Maryland

Sir,

The Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, having communicated to me the Extract of a Letter received by the Commissioners of the Customs from M^r Heron, Collector of Pocomoke in the Province of Maryland, I herewith transmit for your Information, a Copy of the said Extract, & am to express to you His Majesty's Expectation that upon this & every other Occasion you will zealously exert every lawful Means in your Power for the Protection of Officers of the Revenue.

I am &c^a

Dunk Halifax

Endorsed June 8th 1765 | To Horatio Sharpe Esq^r | Dep^y
Governor of | Maryland.

[Robert Lloyd¹ to Charles Garth²]

Maryland 24 June 1768

S^r

The House of Delegates of this Province impressed with a just sense of their natural Rights and considering attentively the fatal Consequences that may hereafter flow from the Operation of the late Acts of Parliament imposing Taxes on the People of America for the Sole Purpose of raising a Revenue, have thought it absolutely necessary to Petition the Throne; and for that Purpose have prepared a Petition to be presented to his Majesty on Behalf of the Province.

The high Opinion they entertain of your Integrity, and of your regard to the Rights of America left them no Room to hesitate in directing me to transmit to you the Petition.

I now enclose it to you and in their Name request that you will take the most proper Steps to have it presented.

As our Committee of Correspondence write you on this, as well as on other Matters, I beg leave to refer to their Letter and am with much Esteem

S^r Your most H^{ble} Serv^tRob^t Lloyd, Speaker

Endorsed, Maryland 24th June 1768 Mr Rob^t Lloyd Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

A Petition to the King's most excellent
Majesty

Most gracious Sovereign,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Freemen of your Province of Maryland, happy in their Allegiance to the best of Kings, and warm in Affection

¹ Robert Lloyd, 1712-1770; Justice for A. A. Co., 1740-45, 1747-51, 1754-55, and Presiding Justice from 1749; Member of Assembly for Talbot Co., 1738-51 and for A. A. Co., 1754-60, 1762-70, and Speaker of the House, 1765-1770. See *Md. Hist. Mag.*, vii, 427.

² See *Md. Hist. Mag.*, vi, 282.

and Attachment to your sacred person and Government; with all Humility beg Leave to approach the Throne and supplicate your Majesty, ever graciously inclined to hear the just Complaints of your most remote Subjects.

Your Majesty's People of this Province, conceive it a fixed and unalterable Principle in the Nature of Things and a part of the very Idea of Property; That whatever a man hath honestly acquired, cannot be taken from him without his Consent: this immutable Principle, they humbly apprehend, is happily ingrafted as a Fundamental into the English Constitution, and is fully declared by Magna Charta and by the Petition and Bill of Rights. Hence it is that your Majesty's most distant Subjects, are justly entitled to all the Rights, Liberties, Privileges and Immunities, of your Subjects born within the Kingdom of England. Under this Idea, your Majesty's Royal Predecessor King Charles the first, by his Charter of this Province did grant as follows, "We will also, and of our more abundant Grace, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do firmly charge, constitute, ordain and command, that the said Province be of our Allegiance; and that all and singular the Subjects and Liege Men of us, our Heirs and Successors, transplanted, or hereafter to be transplanted into the province aforesaid, and the Children of them, and of others their Descendants whether already born there, or hereafter to be born, be and shall be natives and Liege Men of us, our Heirs and Successors, of our Kingdom of England and Ireland; and in all Things shall be held; treated, reputed and esteemed as the faithful Liege Men of us, and our Heirs and Successors born within our Kingdom of England; also Lands, Tenements, Revenues, Services, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, within our Kingdom of England, and other our Dominions, to inherit, or otherwise purchase, receive, take, have, hold, buy and possess, and the same to use and enjoy, and the same to give, sell, alien and bequeath; and likewise all Privileges, Franchises and Liberties of this our Kingdom of England, freely, quietly and peaceably to have and possess, and the same may use and enjoy in the same Manner

as our Liege-Men born, or to be born within our said Kingdom of England without Impediment, Molestation, Vexation, Impeachment or Grievance of us or any of our Heirs or Successors; any Statute, Act, Ordinance or Provision to the Contrary thereof notwithstanding."

"And further we will, and do, by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, covenant and grant to, and with the aforesaid now Baron of Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, that we, our Heirs and Successors, at no Time hereafter, will impose, or make or cause to be imposed, any Impositions, Customs or other Taxations Quotas or Contributions whatsoever, in or upon the Residents or Inhabitants of the Province aforesaid for their Goods, Lands or Tenements within the same Province, or upon any Tenements, Lands, Goods or Chattels, within the Province aforesaid, or in or upon any Goods or Merchandizes within the province aforesaid, or within the Ports or Harbours of the said Province, to be laden or unladen: And we will, and do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, enjoin and command that this our Declaration shall, from Time to Time, be received and allowed in all our Courts and Pretorian Judicatories, and before all the Judges whatsoever of us, our Heirs and Successors, for a sufficient and lawful Discharge, Payment, and Acquittance thereof charging all and singular the Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs and Successors, and enjoining them, under our heavy Displeasure, that they do not at any Time presume to attempt any Thing to the Contrary of the Premises, or that may in any wise contravene the same, but that they, at all Times as is fitting, do aid and assist the aforesaid now Baron of Baltimore, and his Heirs, and the aforesaid Inhabitants and Merchants of the Province of Maryland aforesaid, and their Servants and Ministers, Factors and Assigns, in the fullest Use and Enjoyment of this our Charter."

Our Ancestors firmly relying on the Royal Promise, and upon these plain and express Declarations, of their inherent, natural and constitutional Rights, at the Hazard of their Lives and

Fortunes, transported themselves and Families to this Country, then scarcely known, and inhabited only by Savages: the Prospect of a full and peaceable Enjoyment of their Liberties and Properties softened their Toils and strength'ned them to overcome innumerable Difficulties.

Heaven prospered their Endeavours, and has given to your Majesty, a considerable Increase of faithful Subjects, improved the Trade, and added Riches to the Mother-Country. Thus happy in the Enjoyment of the Rights and Privileges of natural-born Subjects, have they and their Posterity lived, and been treated as Freemen; and thus hath the great fundamental Principle of the Constitution, that no man shall be taxed but with his own consent, given by himself, or by his Representative, been ever extended, and preserved inviolate in this remote Part of your Majesty's Dominion, until questioned lately by your Parliament.

It is therefore with the deepest Sorrow, may it please your most excellent Majesty, that we now approach the Throne on Behalf of your faithful Subjects of this Province, with all Humility to represent to your Majesty, That by several statutes lately enacted in the Parliament of Great Britain, by which sundry Rates and Duties are to be raised and collected within your Majesty's Colonies in America, for the sole and express purpose of raising a Revenue; this great fundamental Principle of the Constitution, is in our Apprehension infringed. The People of this Province, Royal Sire, are not in any manner, nor can they ever possibly be effectually represented in the British Parliament; while therefore your Majesty's Commons of Great Britain, continue to give and grant the property of the People in America, your faithful Subjects, of this and every other Colony, must be deprived of the most invaluable Privilege, the power of granting their own money; and of every Opportunity of manifesting by chearful Aids, their Attachment to their King and zeal for his Service, they must be cut off from all Intercourse with their Sovereign and expect not to hear of the Royal Approbation, they must submit to the Power

of the Commons of Great Britain, and precluded the Blessings, shall scarcely retain the name of Freedom.

May we then most gracious Sovereign, be permitted, humbly to implore your tender Consideration of this unhappy Circumstance of your American People: May we pray that your Majesty will extend, to your faithful People of Maryland, that paternal Regard which your Majesty hath so invariably shewn to the just Rights of all your Subjects; and be graciously pleased to grant them such Relief as to your Majesty's Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet.

On Behalf and by Order of the House of Delegates.

Robt Lloyd, Speaker

sent home

24 June 1768

Endorsed, Petition to His Majesty/ from the Assembly of Maryland/ (R. 28th September) G./ W./ N./

Devizes Oct. 1st 1768

My Lord,

A Letter this morning receiv'd from Mr Montagu, of whom I beg'd the Favour to deliver to your Lordship a Petition to His Majesty from the House of Delegates of Maryland which had been transmitted to me by their Speaker, occasions my troubling your Lordship with this Letter to acquaint your Lordship that having been nominated by the House of Delegates their Agent to conduct before his Majesty in Council a Dispute subsisting between the Lord Proprietary & People of the Province of Maryland, and also to endeavor the procuring Relief at Home against the Oppression of repeated Refusals to Bills sent up to the Upper House for the Appointment of an Agent in Great Britain I have in that Character for some time past corresponded with the House of Delegates. A Bill for the Appointment of a publick Agent was sent up this last Sessions and again refus'd, that the Province of Maryland have now no establish'd publick Agent.

A Letter from the Speaker to me accompanied the Petition which I enclose for your Lordships Perusal as a Mark of the Authenticity of the Petition; in Compliance with the Request therein I desir'd my Friend Mr Montagu w^d wait upon your Lordship with the Petition apprehending it a proper step for me to take that the same may be presented to His Majesty, it not being in my Power at that time to attend in Person upon your Lordship.

I have the Honour to be

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient

& most humble Serv^t

Cha^s Garth

Endorsed De Vizes Oct^r 1st, 1768 Mr Garth Maryland

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly—

The King Our most gracious Sovereign having been informed that a Circular Letter a Copy of which hath been communicated to His Ministers, was in February last sent by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts to the Speakers of other Houses of Assembly in North America, hath been pleased to order it to be signified to me, that He considers such Measure to be of a most dangerous & factious Tendency calculated to inflame the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination to excite & encourage an open Opposition to & Denial of the Authority of Parliament & to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution; but while I notify to you His Majestys Sentiments with respect to this matter, I am also to tell you that the repeated Proofs which have been given by the Assembly of this Province, of their Reverence & Respect for the Laws, & of their faithful Attachment to the Constitution, leave little Room for His Majesty to doubt of their shewing a proper Resentment of such unjustifiable Attempt to revive those Distractions which have operated so fatally to the prejudice of both the

Colonies & the Mother Country; & I flatter myself that in case such Letter has been addressed to the Speaker of Your House/ You will confirm the favourable Opinion His Majesty at present entertains of His Maryland Subjects by taking no notice of such Letter which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves—

Hor^o Sharpe

June 20, 1768

Endorsed Governor Sharpe's Message/ to the Lower House of Assembly/ of Maryland, 20 June 1768 In his Letter (N^o 5) of 22nd June 1768.

MEN OF MARYLAND SPECIALLY HONORED BY THE STATE OR THE UNITED STATES.

[Additions and Corrections.]

STEPHEN DECATUR, 1779-1820.

The reference to *Loubat*, on page 214, should read, plate xxviii, text 163.

The following honors conferred on Decatur are worthy of being included here as a matter of record:

The citizens of Philadelphia, among whom he spent the most of his early years, in 1813, presented him with an elegant sword of solid gold. It is about thirty-six inches in length, weighs 21 oz. 10 pwt. and was made by Philip Hartman for \$700. It is superbly wrought and is enriched with various emblematick figures in reference to the United States of America; the burning of the frigate, *Philadelphia*, in the harbour of Tripoli; and the conquering of his Brittanick majesty's frigate, *Macedonia*. On the hilt is this inscription:

Our Children
Are our country's Property.

on the blade:

Presented by the City of
Philadelphia
to Stephen Decatur.

The legislature of Virginia complimented him with a valuable sword in testimony of regard for his talents and the essential service he rendered his country by that brilliant conquest.

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania granted a similar token of esteem for her distinguished citizen. It is a gold mounted sword of American manufacture, made, with exquisite taste, under the direction of Liberty Browne. On one side of the blade is a representation of the frigates *United States* and *Macedonia*, in action, the arms of Pennsylvania, and Fame crowning her hero with a wreath of laurel. On the reverse is the following inscription:

Presented by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Simon Snyder, Gov.

XIII Feb. MDCCCXIII

The corporation of New York presented him with the freedom of the city, accompanied with a golden box, on which were suitable and elegant engravings.

JOHN TRIPPE, c. 1784-1810.

[Supplementing record on page 250.]

John Trippe, son of William Trippe and Mary [Noel] Trippe, was born in Dorchester county, Maryland, about 1784. What is known of him comes almost entirely from the records of the Navy Department: Warranted Midshipman, April 15, 1799; entered service on board the frigate *United States*, April 16, 1799; appointed Sailing Master of the schooner *Vixen*, then building at Baltimore, May 6, 1803; appointed First Lieutenant of the *Vixen*, May 15, 1804; in command of gunboat No. 6, in the attack on the Tripolitan gunboats and forts, August 23, 1804; commissioned Lieutenant, Jan. 9, 1807; ordered to the command of the *Enterprise*, Jan. 23, 1809; ordered to the com-

mand of the *Vixen*, April 26, 1810; died of yellow fever off Havana, where he had been sent to protect American commerce against French and English cruisers and the pirates that infested the Gulf of Mexico, July 9, 1810.

Congress voted him one of the gold medals struck for Commodore Preble and his officers, which is described and illustrated in *Loubat*, pl. xxiv, text 135. This medal is now in the possession of Gen. Andrew C. Trippe.

Under date of September 18th, 1804, Commodore Preble reported to the Secretary of the Navy:

"Lieutenant Trippe, of the *Vixen*, in [gunboat] No. 6, ran alongside of one of the enemy's large boats, which he boarded with only Midshipman John Henley and nine men, his boat falling off before any more could get on board; thus was he left, compelled to conquer or perish, with the odds *thirty-six* to *eleven*. The Turks could not withstand the ardor of this brave officer and his assistants; in a few minutes the decks were cleared, and her colors hauled down. On board of this boat fourteen of the enemy were killed, and twenty-two made prisoners, seven of which were badly wounded. The rest of their boats retreated within the rocks. Lieutenant Trippe received eleven sabre wounds, some of which are very severe; he speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Henley, and those who followed him." This fight took place on August 3d. In the Commodore's diary of September 2d, he says: "... Lieutenant Trippe, having nearly recovered from his wounds, resumed the command of No. 6, which he so gallantly conducted the 3d ultimo."

The legislative assembly of Maryland (by resolution, Nov. 10, 1806) gave him an elegant gold mounted sword, which is enriched with the following inscription:

The State of Maryland
to
John Trippe
Navy U. S. III Jan. MDCCCVII
in
Grateful Recollection
of
His Patriotism and bravery
off
Tripoli.

BIBLE RECORDS.

Contributed by Sarah Elizabeth Stuart.

HARRISON FAMILY OF CAROLINE COUNTY

Bible in possession of Mrs. George W. Smith, Chestertown, Md.

BIRTHS

Mary Harrison Daughter of Robert Harrison and Sarah his wife was Born 5th Dec. 1799—Ann Letittah Harrison Daught^r of Robert Harrison and Sarah his Wife was Born 24th April 1801—Benjamin Harrison Son of Robt Harrison and Sarah his Wife was born 11th Sept 1804—Edmond T. Harrison son of Robt Harrison and Sarah his wife was Born 26th Feby 1808—Katie K. Harrison was born 21st Day of March 1867 W. S. E. Harrison was born March 8th 1869 Robert Harrison Son of Robt Harrison and Esther his wife was Born 23rd November 1811 William Henry Harrison Son of Robt Harrison and Easther his wife was Born 28th day of February 1814

Mary H. Harrison daughter of Robert Harrison and Easther his wife was Born 7 (?) day of october 1815

Turbet K. Slauter Son of Noah Slauter and Easther his wife Born 27 June 1804

William Henry Harreson son of William Henry Harrison and Margaret Ann his wife was born April 29 1840

Robert Harrison and Sarah his Wife was Married 22^d day of Febuary in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hund^e and ninety-Eight

Rob^t Harrison and Esther his wife was married 3rd January 1811

Wesley Clements and Mary Hester Harrison was married April 12th A. D. 1836 William Henry Harrison and Margaret Ann Clements was married June 25 1839 Henry B. Slaughter and Margaret Ann Harrison was Married April 6th 1841 W.

H. Harrison and L. A. (Louisa) Williamson were married June 12th 1866

DEATHS

Mary Harrison daughter of Robert Harrison and Sarah his Wife Departed this life 17th Nov^e 1800

Aged^d 11 mo & 12 days

Sarah Harrison Wife of Robert Harrison Dept this life 2^d Day March 1808 Agd 27 years & 6 Months.

Edmond T. Harrison Son of Robert Harrison & Sarah his Wife departed this life 4th March 1808 Aged 7 Days old.

Robert Harrison Departed this life 6 Day of november 1815 Aged 41 years.

H. Esther Harrison departed this Life November the 23rd 1831 about nine Ocl^l P. M. Aged Fifty-one years.

Nathan Keirns, son of Nathan Cen^r died 3 July 1829 Aged

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Mary Hester Clements wife of Wesley Clements departed this life December 21st 1836

William Henry Harrison departed this life June 8 1840 age 26 years 3 month 10 days

William Henry Harrison son of William Henry and Margaret Ann his wife died february 2nd 1877 age 36th 9 months 3 days.

Rachel Rogester departed this life July 14th 1867

 CLEMENTS FAMILY OF CAROLINE COUNTY

Bible in possession of Mrs. George W. Smith, Chestertown, Md.

Joel Clements Son of James Clements & Elizabeth his wife was born July 27th 1781—Elizabeth Clements Daughter of Nathan Keirn and Ann his Wife was Born Febury 24 in the year of our Lord 1782

BIRTHS

Joel Clements & Margaret Roe was married Nov 7th 1802

Mary Clements daughter of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife was born feb 7th 1804

Reubin Clements Son of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife was born Oct. 24—1805

James Roe Clements Son of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife was born March 8th 1808

Joel Clements Son of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife was born Au^t 20th 1809

Kittermeria Clements daughter of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife was born april 6—1811

Wesley Clements Son of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife was born no^v 19th 1813

David Clements son of Joel Clements & Margaret his wife born october 21st 1817

Margaret Ann Clements daughter of Joel Clements and Margaret his wife was born Sep^t 20 1820

DEATHS

Departed this life oct 5th 1820 Margaret Clements wife of Joel Clements aged thirty nine years one month twenty five days.

Departed this life Augth 6th 1837 Reubin Clements Son of Joel Clements & Margaret in Florida of Polmonery deseas aged thirty one years nine months & 18 days

Departed this life January 15th 1854 Wesley Clements son of Joel Clements and Margreat his Wife aged 40 years one month and 25 days

Departed this Life octob^r 28 1865 Elizabeth Clements Wife of Joel Clements and Daughter of Nathan and Ann Kiern aged Eighty three years Eight Month and four days.

Joel Clements Departed this life December 11th 1865 age 84 years 4 mo 15 Days

BIRTHS

Joel Clements & Elizabeth Keirn was married June 11th 1822

Joshua —Richard Clements Son of Joel Clements & Elizabeth his wife was born May 8th 1823

John Fleather Clements Son of Joel Clements & Elizabeth his wife was born Sept second in the year 1806

Margaret Ann Baggs Daughter of Sylvester Baggs & Ann his wife was Born September 26 in the year 1829

DEATHS

Departed this Life Aug^t 27th 1860 Elizabeth Jump Widdow of John Jump Dest Daughter of James Clements and Elizabeth, his wife, aged 59 years ten months and twelve days.

Joshua Richard Clements Departed this life June 3rd 1878 age 55 years 25 days.

Joel Clements departed this life June 3rd 1882 age 72 years 11 months 17 days

James Roe Clements departed this life September 1893

Mary Clements departed this life December 29th 1893

Departed this life Feb 10th 1903 Margaret Ann Slaughter, wife of Henry B. Slaughter and daughter of Joel & Margaret Clements

A True and perfect account of the marage of James Clements & Elizabeth his wife and the Children's ages, James Clements & Elizabeth Baggs his wife was married 18th day of october 1778 our daughter Martha was born Aug^h 7th 1779 our Son Joel was born July 27th 1781 our Son Richard was born march 18th 1783 our Son John was born march 30th 1785 our Son James was born Jany 31st 1787 our Son Thomas was born october 23rd 1788 our Son Isaac was born october 31 1790 our Son Caleb was born June 29th 1792 & our Son Joshua was born August 6th 1795 our daughter Mary was born Sept 19th 1797 our daughter Elizabeth was born october 15th 1801

True Transcript of the original

Joel Clements

Febeury 1st 1848

Reuben Clements red the old Testament through in one day less than three weeks and examined Clark's notes on the most important Texes and red but little after sun down also Red the new Testament through in one weak commencing in January

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| II | b. 1819 | Francis Thomas, d. 1845 m. 1844 Sarah Ham-
ilton. |
| III | b. 1823 | Mary Elizabeth, d. 1900. Married Sam'l Black-
iston. |
| IV | b. 1828 | Wm. Henry d. Married Josephine
Newnam and they went to Terre Haute, Ind. |
| V | b. 1831 | Horace Montgomery Stuart, d. 1899. Married
Martha Ellen Walraven in 1867. |
| VI | b. 1833 | George Washington Stuart, d. 1875. |
| VII | b. 1836 | Martha Ann, d. 1899. Married Thos. Price
in 1864. |

Of the descendants of Edward Stewart there is no one of the name living east of Ind. except Frances Ellen & Sarah Elisabeth Stuart, daughters of Horace Montgomery & Ellen Walraven Stuart. There are, however, a number of sons and their children, (children and grandchildren, etc.) of Wm. Henry Stuart, and his wife Josephine Newnam. They (Wm. Henry & Josephine) had a large family and they are scattered from Terre Haute to China.

In my father's young manhood the males of the family all changed the spelling of their names from Stewart to Stuart, because one member of the family claimed connection with the Royal Family of Scotland. The proof of this has been lost, but they must have had some good reason for the stand they took, to have made the change at all, as they were very plain and unassuming people. The women of the family refused to make the change, so in the cemetery and in the Bible record, both ways are found, side by side. Mrs. Harper, of Roanoke, Va., tells me, under date of Sept. 1, 1914, that she remembers the family tree and the old Bible, having seen it in her childhood, but no records can now be found, except the Bible of my grandfather's,—John Evans Stuart.

Sarah Elisabeth Stuart.

Apr. 5, 1917.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Meeting of October 8, 1917.—The regular meeting of the Society for the month of October was held at the home of the Society, with President Warfield in the chair.

After reading the lists of donations to the library and cabinet, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Spencer, was adopted:

“Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be given to Mrs. George C. Jenkins for her generous act in having restored the Darnall portraits, which were in a very bad condition.”

Dr. Bernard C. Steiner reported for the Committee on Publications and exhibited Volume 37 of the Maryland Archives and made a few remarks thereon.

The Necrology was then read as follows:

On May 20, 1917, Mr. Charles W. Field died at Union Protestant Infirmary, aged 59 years. He was elected a member of this Society March 10, 1902.

On June 1, 1917, Mr. John H. Wight died at his home at Wildwood, Garrison Forest, Baltimore County, Maryland, aged 68 years. He was elected a member December 14, 1914.

On June 20, 1917, Mr. William B. Hurst died at Johns Hopkins Hospital, aged 58 years. He was elected a member January 10, 1916.

On July 7, 1917, Rev. Dr. S. B. Treadway died at his home, 3034 Guilford avenue, aged 71 years. He was elected a member April 11, 1892.

On July 7, 1917, Mr. William H. Graffin died at the Cuttyhunk Club, on Cuttyhunk Island, off the Coast of Massachusetts, aged 69 years. He was elected a member March 14, 1892.

On August 5, 1917, Mr. Philemon H. Tuck died at Buena Vista, Calvert County, Maryland, aged 63 years. He was elected a member November 9, 1914.

On September 26, 1917, Mr. J. V. McNeal died at his residence, 729 Calvert street. He was elected a member May 11, 1907.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the President stated that the Society was compelled to borrow some money in order to meet current expenses, but not as much as in previous years.

The following resolution was then adopted :

" Resolved, That the Maryland Historical Society be and it is authorized to borrow not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to meet the current expenses of said Society for the balance of the year 1917, and that the President or a Vice-President and its Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute a promissory note for said amount."

Mr. Harris then read two letters bearing on the subject of the Tax Lists at the Custom House. The hour for the reading of the paper having arrived, his remarks on the subject were deferred until after the reading of said article.

A paper was read by Mr. John E. Semmes, Sr., entitled "John H. B. Latrobe and Some of His Contemporaries."

Mr. Semmes read from the advance sheets of his Life of Latrobe, which will soon come from the press.

Mr. Trippe made a few remarks of appreciation and moved that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Semmes for his interesting biography of the man who had taken such an active interest in the affairs of our Society.

Mr. Harris then took the floor and spoke as follows :

" The documents referred to in the letters that were read are stored in the Custom House and are in the keeping of the Collector of Customs. They consist of tax lists and list of carriages in the State, about 100 documents. It was claimed that the documents were the property of the Government of the United States. The Society had hoped that Major Denny, who was in Congress at that time, would introduce a bill to obtain them, but

the bill was not introduced. Mr. Trippe thought the Society should make a direct request to Congress for the surrender of these papers and documents, and suggested that Mr. Hayden be appointed for this purpose.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Committee on Genealogy and Heraldry (Mr. William M. Hayden) be and he is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Society, to take such steps as he shall deem judicious to secure certain books and lists of returns of taxables, agreement for out-fitting *Conqueror* for privateering, &c., which are reported to be in the possession of the United States Government and which this Society has been advised may be obtained by it."

The Society then adjourned.

NOTES.

John H. B. Latrobe and His Times, 1803-1891, by John E. Semmes. Norman, Remington Co., Baltimore, 1917. Pp. 601.

No biography hitherto published in this State can rival in interest that of the versatile former President of the Maryland Historical Society, just received from the press. Our fellow member, Mr. John E. Semmes, is to be congratulated on the success of his labor of love, although he had a most unusual subject to work upon and was aided by many autobiographical notes. Probably no other Marylander had such an interesting career in the most progressive period of our country's marvellous development, save perhaps Mr. Latrobe's friend and contemporary, John Pendleton Kennedy, who passed away in 1870, and who was not so happy in his biographer.

As the book has been competently reviewed in the daily journals, it is only necessary to say here that it is a work that every member of this Society should own, and one wherein the publishers have made the setting worthy of the subject.

The Early Life of Professor Elliott, by George C. Keidel, Ph. D. Washington, D. C., 1917. Privately printed. Pp. 10.

This brochure was read by Dr. Keidel before the Romance Club of the Johns Hopkins University on October 12, 1916, and covers the years of Dr. A. Marshall Elliott's life, prior to his connection with the University, where he was the Professor of Romance from 1876-1910. It is in no sense a formal biography, but, as its title indicates, is a sketch of the adolescence of a great scholar.

THE WAR LIBRARIES.

The American Library Association has organized for auxiliary war work by providing fully equipped libraries for the thirty-two cantonments distributed throughout the United States, and has raised nearly two million dollars to carry on the work. More than ten thousand dollars has been contributed locally; but as the cost of carrying on the work behind the trenches "Over There" will be very great, the money in hand is being expended most conservatively, so that the greater part of the fund may be spent where it is most needed. To this end we are asking for contributions of books and magazines for the use of the home cantonments, where they will be circulated through every available medium, such as the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C., the Y. M. H. A., and the Post Exchanges.

Our readers are earnestly requested to send all spare reading matter to the State Headquarters, at the Peabody Institute, where it will be made ready for distribution to our boys. Do It Now!

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